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COMMUNITIES RESPONSIBLE

The Federal Government is depending largely on cities and towns for conduct of the new WPA program.

The Government is now saying in effect to local authorities, "You understand conditions in your own communities and you know who is needy and who is eligible for WPA work.

"Therefore we will give employment to persons certified by local relief agencies which have been approved by the Works Progress Administration. Persons proved to be not needy by your agencies will be dropped from WPA rolls."

Assignment

No properly certified person can be assigned, transferred or discharged, however, except through the district offices of WPA.

Suggesting and initiating work projects is the direct responsibility of municipal authorities. The efficiency with which projects are operated depends in a large measure on the interest taken by local officials.

Strict supervision over all phases of the program will be maintained by the WPA administrative force.

In announcing added local responsibility, administrator Edwards said, "The WPA can only be as strong as the co-operation between the federal government and local governments. We feel that here in Massachusetts this co-operation is producing a successful program."

Announcement

Mutual interest and understanding among workers in any organization is essential if that organization is to accomplish its ends.

This is especially true of the Works Progress program with its many and diversified activities built up around an ideal of human worth and value.

We hope that all interested in the program may obtain a better picture of the work through a concentration of records and activities in these pages.

PAUL EDWARDS,
State Administrator.

NEXT WEEK — Announcement by Edward L. Casey, Massachusetts State Director of The National Youth Administration.

Editorial

The Bulletin is to mirror the activities of the Massachusetts Works Progress Administration.

New developments in the program, changes in procedure and reasons prompting different policies will be explained.

Officials at state headquarters and in the district offices are going to make this Bulletin as accurate, informative and interesting as possible. It is hoped WPA workers will also contribute to its pages.

Lack of space will prohibit a complete review of program happenings each week. Every effort will be made, however, to present interesting work in the various districts and departments in successive issues.

A larger publication, presenting the work in all the New England states, will soon be issued. Projects will be described in greater detail in the New England Bulletin.

NEW WPA REGULATIONS

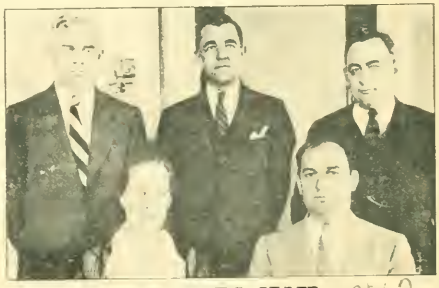
Prevailing wage rates are being established on all WPA projects in the country, according to regulations of the new work program.

This will not affect Massachusetts workers as prevailing wages have been paid on projects here for many months. Workers in this state have also been obtaining their wages weekly since March 22. Massachusetts and New York City are the only two places in the country where weekly wages are allowed.

A change that will affect workers in this state is the ruling that time lost due to weather conditions or other interruptions outside the control of the worker must be made up. Wages will not be paid under the new program for lost time unless the worker makes it up in the current or succeeding payroll month.

Eligibility

Persons no longer need to have been on relief rolls in order to be eligible for WPA employment.



STATE WPA STAFF

Left to right: Standing—Lt. Col. John J. McDonough, Director of the Division of Employment; William P. Husband, Jr., Director of the Division of Finance and Statistics; John F. Fitzgerald, Director of the Division of Operations. Seated—Mrs. Helen G. Talboy, Director of Women's and Professional Projects; Paul Edwards, State Administrator.

Do You Know?

THAT . . . permission has been granted by Mt. Holyoke College to use the old dwelling of the late Joseph Wesson for a Springfield WPA Household Training Project.

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THAT . . . the Boston WPA Sewing Project, Army Base, has produced more than 100,000 garments for relief purposes including 28,000 shirts, 30,000 sheets and 12,000 pillow cases.

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THAT . . . the recent WPA Crew Cruise around Boston Bay was such a success, it is possible that another cruise will be run before the summer season ends.

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THAT . . . more than 5,000 books and pamphlets have been cleaned, repaired, rebound, catalogued, numbered and placed in book stacks by the WPA Book Division.

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THAT . . . Surplus Commodities Division of Massachusetts WPA, since last November has distributed more than $4,000,000 worth of food and clothing to needy residents. Articles included more than 13,000,000 pounds of roast and canned beef, 500,000 cans of milk, 800,000 pounds of butter and 2,000,000 pound cans of fish chowder.

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THAT . . . more than 200,000 new works of art have been completed by WPA artists throughout the country and 120,000 have already been allocated to institutions.

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THAT . . . WPA throughout the country is building or improving 128,000 miles of farm-to-market roads and of this total 57,000 miles have been completed.

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THAT . . . the royal jewelry worn by Mary Queen of Scots, in the Los Angeles production of "Mary Stuart", was constructed with paint, beads, glass and odd bits contributed by members of the cast. Total cost of the glittering collection was 10 cents.

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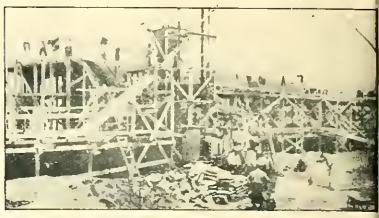
THAT . . . employment by private industries has resulted in more than 200 WPA workers quitting their jobs in the Cape Cod area since June 1.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

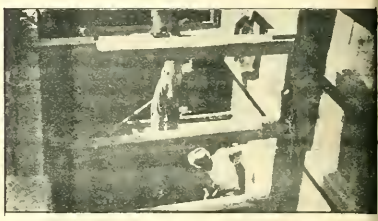
1. Essex County
Director: Daniel W. Mahony

Now near completion, the Beverly WPA Concrete-Covered Reservoir Project, connected with the present pipe distributing system, completely surrounded with an earth embankment and featuring a driveway over its top, has a capacity of 2,800,000 gallons.



2. Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk Counties
Director: Byrle J. Osborn

Sixty inch concrete pipe is being laid on the Belmont WPA Wellington Brook Sewer Project. This storm sewer will run 510 feet from Waverly Town Yard to Waverly Street.



3. City of Boston
Director: Col. Thomas F. Sullivan

Boston's WPA Park Street Subway Project, to relieve traffic congestion in the busy downtown district, is nearing completion.

Soon motor traffic will thunder overhead while pedestrians pass safely underground to the subway terminal.

4. Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket Counties
Director: Robert F. Cross

The Bourne WPA National Guard Camp Project, now under construction, when finished will be one of the finest guard camps in the nation.

Panoramic view shows WPA workers and guardsmen listening to an address by Administrator Paul Edwards.

5. Worcester County
Director: James F. Carberry

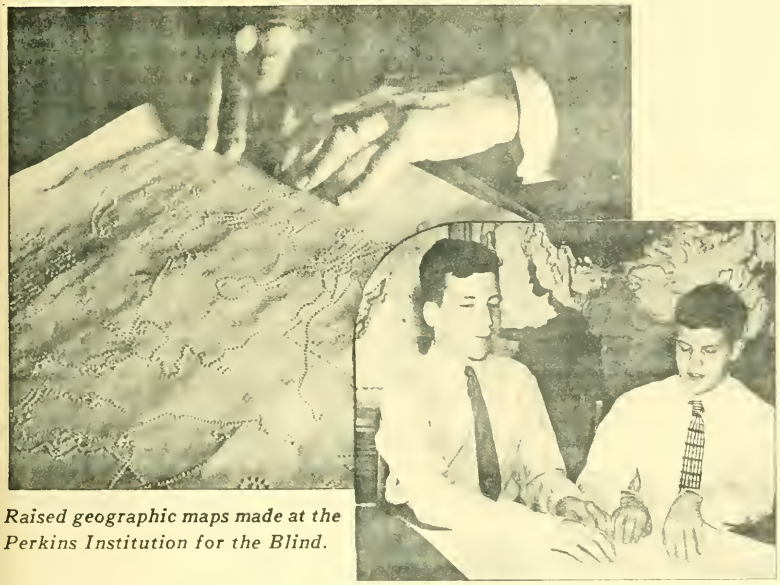
Down came an old dance pavilion, 300,000 square feet of scratchy brush was cleared and for replacement the Spencer WPA Luther Park Bathing Beach Project now offers a sanded beach with swimming accessories, a 20 section locker house, fireplaces, tables, chairs, benches and a gravel driveway.

6. Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Counties
Director: Harry M. Ehrlich

East Springfield will be connected with the East Forrest Park section when the Springfield WPA Crosstown Boulevard project is completed.

The boulevard, two miles long, cut through undeveloped property, will include concrete culverts, sewers and water mains.

WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE



Raised geographic maps made at the Perkins Institution for the Blind.

Books and Maps Made for the Blind

Six little dots offer sight to the blind in the Boston WPA Braille Project workshop, Winchell School Building, the West End.

Six little dots, not unlike the punctuation periods in the pages of your newspaper, open the world of literature to the unseeing.

Highly sensitive fingertips lightly passing over the carefully arranged dots are the eyes of the blind.

These raised points constitute all the characters used in the Braille transcriptions. Through arranging and grouping more than 60 characters are formed representing the letters of the alphabet, punctuation points and abbreviations.

Since the project was started last year more than 15 books have been made available including "Uncle Tom's Cabin", "Silas Marner", "The Scarlet Pimpernel", and "The Rubaiyat".

A second State WPA Braille Project, operated at the Perkins Institution for The Blind, is concentrated on the development of map making machines to emboss plates for raised maps making possible the study of geography.

At the Boston project several books other than fiction have been scribed including eight volumes for use at the Perkins Institution the Harvard Graduate School explaining methods of teaching blind.

Five-sixths of the workers now employed on this program are en. Many of these women are without other means of earning a g and have shown a particular aptitude for the work.

News Briefs

★ Park Casino Hired By Federal Theatre

On the gently sloped base of beautiful Mt. Tom stands the Mt. Park Casino which has been engaged by the Federal Theatre of Massachusetts for the summer season.

Plays, musical comedies and vaudeville will be regularly presented at nominal fees for the benefit of residents of surrounding communities including Holyoke, Northampton, Westfield, the Hadleys', Deerfield, Southampton and Easthampton.

The Holyoke Daily Transcript and Telegram reviewing a recent showing of "Post Road" reported: "The play was well acted, amusing and exciting."

★ Music Teaching Unit Receives Sheet Music

Last November the Music Teachers' Project of the Massachusetts Federal Music Project was allotted $572 for the purchase of sheet music.

Exactly $37.04 of the above amount has been spent to date.

What is more, Mischa Tulin, State Teachers' Director, has on hand enough music to provide for 1,000 additional pupils.

This unusual condition is made possible by free donations of sheet music from interested persons throughout the state. Every mail brings more music and in most cases the senders prefer to remain anonymous.

★ John Hancock Letters Uncovered by Survey

Unpublished letters of John Hancock, original accounts of Shay's Rebellion and records of persons killed in the Boston Massacre are included in the historical finds that have been uncovered throughout the state by the Federal Writers Project Historical Records Survey.

About 500 persons are engaged in the survey under the direction of Frank J. Manning who states:

"The Survey will be of great value in preserving the rich history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

WPA SWIM STAR IS GRANDMOTHER

WPA recreational supervisors of Springfield nominate a grandmother, Mrs. Austin E. Plumb, 58, 28 Marengo Park, as a star swimming and diving pupil of the season.

Mrs. Plumb, one of almost three thousand adults attending WPA swimming classes is a better swimmer and diver than two of her grandchildren.

All last winter she attended WPA classes two or three times a week at Trinity Church and Springfield College.

The diving springboard, nemesis of many a younger person, attracted her from the start. Under the capable direction of William T. Holmes, WPA instructor, she was soon diving from the tricky board with ease and grace creditable to a school girl.

Practise Makes Perfect

At the start of the winter season Mrs. Plumb was not satisfied with her swimming stroke. Practise makes perfect and now her stroke is powerful and graceful.

Life saving instruction appealed to her and her instructors state she could qualify for almost any life saving test.

Being a grandmother is no bar to being an expert swimmer and diver according to Mrs. Plumb who adds her health has been so benefited by water sport she intends to continue these exercises just as long as possible.

Besides being a good swimmer Mrs. Plumb is a golfer of ability and plays regularly with her husband.

She is the mother of four children and has five grandchildren.

Outdoor Beach Sewing Classes

On extremely warm days classes in sewing and knitting for beginners at the Swampscott WPA recreational center, are held at Fishermen's Beach which is across the road from the center.

These classes are open to children as well as adults under the direction of capable WPA instructors.

Mrs. Austin E. Plumb

Employment Service

Private employers are urged to make free use of the National Re-employment Service, greatest of all employment agencies, headquarters the Federal Building, Boston and branch offices in key cities throughout the state.

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WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Lynn Item: ". . . Lynn now has 17 WPA Playspots for Kiddies . . ."

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Christian Science Monitor writing of drought conditions in the Mid-West: ". . . steps which the Federal Government is taking to bring temporary work and relief . . . all these efforts are heartening to the entire country . . ."

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Springfield Union-Republican: ". . . Sewing Project puts $1,000,000 in Springfield in year . . ."

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Boston Transcript: ". . . dreaded Dutch Elm disease . . . this is a project which falls distinctly within the Federal Province and lends itself to the use of public funds . . ."

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Quincy News: ". . . the WPA recreational groups are doing much to keep the young people active in wholesome entertainment . . ."

2800 Get Private Jobs

Twenty-eight hundred men and women throughout Massachusetts have given up their WPA jobs and obtained work in private employment during the past six weeks.

Needy persons were taken from relief rolls to replace those who left wherever quota reductions allowed.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

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RELIEF LOAD DECREASING

Thirty-seven thousand employable persons have left Massachusetts public welfare and WPA rolls during the first six months of this year, according to figures obtained from every city and town in the state.

This is the largest drop in the number of cases on Massachusetts public welfare and Federal work projects over any extensive period since the start of the depression.

The encouraging decrease has been steady ever since the first of the year. In January there were 181,973 cases listed on WPA, ERA and local relief. In June the number of cases had dropped to 145,160, making an exact reduction of 36,813 cases.

Considering that each person listed as a case on local relief and WPA rolls represents a family of 4.25 persons, in reality 156,455 persons are no longer dependent on this aid.

Cities

Boston rolls decreased from 19,870 in January to 14,326 in June, a reduction of 5,544 employable cases. Lynn shows one of the largest proportionate reductions, employable cases having dropped from 3,715 to 1,580 in six months. New Bedford is the only city in the state showing an increase in relief in June over January.

Reductions in cities are: Attleboro, 1; Beverly, 237; Boston, 5,544; Brockton, 632; Cambridge, 1,164; Chelsea, 427; Chicopee, 578; Everett, 807; Fall River, 1,320; Fitchburg, 308; Gardner, 97; Gloucester, 76; Haverhill, 922; Holyoke, 932; Lawrence, 26; Leominster, 177; Lowell, 457; Malden, 293; Marlboro, 46; Medford, 316; Melrose, 3; New Bedford, increase of 202; Newburyport, 162; Newton, 339; North Adams, 282; Northampton, 242; Peabody, 71; Pittsfield, 747; Quincy, 297; Revere, 1,663, including unemployables; Salem, 450; Somerville, 475; Springfield, 916; Taunton, 653; Waltham, 538; Westfield, 150; Woburn, 146; Worcester, 1,628.

Announcement

A most tragic sight in any depression is that of young people forced into idleness, with no proper channels available into which they can direct their energies and ambitions toward earning a livelihood.

The National Youth Administration in Massachusetts looks back upon its first year of existence as a period of measurable accomplishment. Approximately 20,000 young men and women have been assisted by its program, while a still larger number has benefited by the facilities opened to them by NYA projects.

In its decentralization of function, NYA has won the cooperation of the communities, and through close contact with existing organizations, has been responsible for giving many youths their first opportunity at a real job. Massachusetts looks forward to a year of increased NYA activity in opening channels for youth.

EDWARD L. CASEY,
Massachusetts NYA Director.

Editorial

One of the most encouraging signs noted in the figures showing decreases in the relief load throughout Massachusetts is that the general trend is steadily downward.

The peak in public welfare this year was reached in January and the number listed has gone down steadily to the present time. Peak employment on WPA was reached in April, and since that time the number of workers has been reduced to reach summer quotas.

While WPA employment was decreasing local relief rolls also continued to decrease, showing that persons leaving Government employment did not go back on local welfare.

FOREMEN HOLD KEY POSITIONS

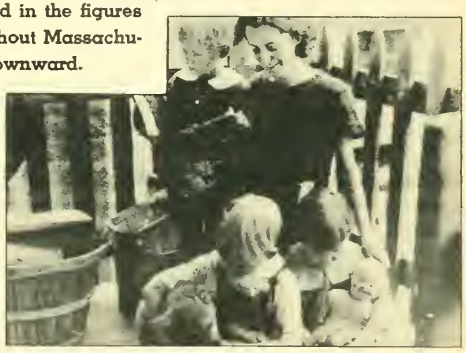
Foremen on WPA projects are key persons in the set up of the Works Progress program and efficiency of the work depends in great measure on them.

Federal authorities and local officials realize the important part played by foremen in the conduct of work projects and continually emphasize the trust placed in them, not only in getting projects completed, but also in giving proper attention to workers.

Administrator Edwards

In emphasizing the responsibility of the foremen and their effect on work projects, Administrator Edwards said in a recent speech:

"Under the new unemployment relief act, prevailing wages will be paid on WPA work. An honest day's work is expected; and I will hold foremen and supervisors responsible for efficient work by their men."



NYA HOME SERVICE

Care of young children is an important part of the NYA Home Service Project work as illustrated by this Northampton NYA photograph.

Do You Know?

THAT . . . nearly $500,000,000 will be returned directly to channels of industry and trade in the United States through purchases of materials, supplies and equipment for WPA projects which had been selected for operation up to April 15, 1936.

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THAT . . . four out of every five dollars spent on WPA work go directly into pay envelopes.

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THAT . . . Progress in air travel and in air safety have been pushed years ahead by WPA workers. Thirteen hundred airports have been constructed or improved and 13,000 cities identified by WPA air markers.

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THAT . . . WPA workers have built 11,000 new bridges and repaired 17,000 others.

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THAT . . . The general welfare of public health in America has been greatly raised by the employment of 6,000 experienced nurses taken from relief roles to provide visiting nursing service to an average of 350,000 sick members of families every week.

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THAT . . . WPA workers have constructed or improved nearly 6000 schools; an average of two schools for every county in the country.

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THAT . . . there are more than 250,000 women workers on Sewing Projects in the country

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THAT . . . more than 4000 WPA projects are devoted exclusively to the installation of water mains, purifying stations and filter plants.

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THAT . . . WPA workers have erected or repaired more than 5000 libraries, court houses and city halls in America.

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THAT . . . During the month of June, band and orchestral units of the Massachusetts Federal Music Project, gave 111 concerts before audiences of more than 55,000 people.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

1. Essex County

Director: Daniel W. Mahony

Students, townspeople, and particularly young children will be benefited on completion of a six acre WPA Athletic Field at the Danvers Agricultural Institution. One third of this area will be a fully equipped playground for children.

2. Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk Counties

Director: Byrle J. Osborn

Medford's antiquated city garage built to accommodate horse drawn equipment will be replaced with a new Medford WPA city garage now in construction. The new building will contain offices, workrooms, and storage for motor vehicles at present kept in rented quarters.

3. City of Boston

Director: Col. Thomas F. Sullivan

Designed to hold back destructive water at flood tides, to keep drifting sand from the adjoining roadway and non-bathers from encroaching on the beach area a WPA Sea Wall Project, Columbus Park, South Boston, extends for more than a half mile along the beach.

4. Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket Counties

Director: Robert F. Cross

The historic home of Capt. John Ames, built in 1774 in West Bridgewater, featuring "Pulpit Rock" where Rev. John Keith in 1663 preached his first sermon to settlers in this country, is being converted by a WPA Project into a five-acre park and beauty spot.

5. Worcester County

Director: James F. Carberry

Swish of tennis rackets, the bite of spiked running shoes, and the smart crack of ash wood meeting horsehide will soon sound from this Community Athletic Field, Brookfield. A WPA project now in progress involves repair and enlargement of the field, and construction of additional courts.

6. Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Counties

Director: Harry M. Ehrlich

One hundred and fifty-two patients will be accommodated in the new Chicopee WPA City Infirmary Project now under construction. Plans include a two-story central building with one story wings on either side and the building of a two-story cottage for the hospital superintendent.

WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE

ABOVE: Neponset River bank at Hyde Park, after brush has been cleared away prior to further beautification work.
BELOW: Unsightly, mosquito breeding pool, South Boston, to be eliminated by WPA Mosquito Eradication Project.

Mosquito Pest Hole Eliminated by WPA

Low-lying swamp lands festering with stagnant pools of shallow water, the natural habitat and breeding places of malaria-carrying mosquitoes are being reclaimed by WPA in Massachusetts.

Twenty-three WPA Mosquito Eradication Projects employing more than 1000 workers in all sections of the state are transforming these noisome pest holes into valuable land.

State and Federal health authorities say these projects will contribute more to the elimination of malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases than any other single agency.

Outstanding results are being recorded along both banks of the Neponset River in the Hyde Park, Mattapan and South Boston districts. In these sections the river is bordered with marsh land, lined with disordered accumulations of grass tufts and bushes and littered with an accumulation of debris.

WPA has cleared the banks, rid the river of foreign materials which impeded its flow, dug miles of drainage ditches and filled in holes and low spots of the marsh making the land fit for construction, recreation and other uses. In many spots, banks of the river have been permanently strengthened by retaining walls of stone.

Work is still in progress. When completed, Neponset River will be a credit to the communities it passes.

Breeding places of mosquitoes are destroyed by this work. Localities for miles around each project are benefited by the extermination of these far-flying, blood-letting, germ-carrying pests whose sharp stingers have been felt too many times by all people.

News Briefs

★ WPA Grand Opera At Boston Opera House

WPA is bringing Grand Opera back to Boston!

Two operas, "Madame Butterfly" and "Hansel and Gretel" will be presented during the week of August 11 at the Boston Opera House by the Boston WPA Music Project.

A cast of 175 persons including many who were formerly on the relief rolls of the city will participate.

Top price for a box seat will be 75 cents. Other seats will cost 25 cents and 50 cents.

Ten per cent of the house will be reserved each night for the needy of Boston who will be admitted free of charge by the WPA Social Service Division.

Receipts will be used to defray production costs. In event of surplus money it will be turned over to the Treasury Department.

★ Worcester Theatre Is Latest Federal Showhouse

Worcester Theatre, home of many famous productions during the past half-century, has been hired by the Federal Theatre of Massachusetts.

"The Campus Widow", musical comedy with a cast of 50 persons, will be the introductory offering, Monday, August 10.

Twice each week the program will be changed interspersing vaudeville and musical comedies with mystery, comedy and serious plays.

Offerings will include: "Wooden Kimono", "Post Road", "Class of '29", "Chalk Dust", and "The Show-Off".

★ Requests For Guide Received By Writers

Historians, educators, students and members of the clergy are requesting copies of the Federal Writers Project, Massachusetts section of The American Guide.

These requests will not be filled until Guide work is complete and the work has been approved in national headquarters, Washington.

Guide field work in Massachusetts is complete and work of arranging and editing is now in progress.

"DOTTY" WHALEN IS OLYMPIC REFEREE

James P. "Dotty" Whalen, Springfield WPA recreational supervisor, is the official umpire of the United States American Olympic baseball teams, Berlin, Germany.

"Dotty," as he is affectionately called by thousands of sport followers throughout New England, is a nationally recognized athletic authority and his selection by the Olympic Committee is a tribute to his reputation for honesty and fairness as well as his sound knowledge of the game.

For the last two years he has been recreational director of the WPA Community Center, Chestnut Street school, where he taught baseball, basketball, football, wrestling, boxing, skating, and gymnastic work.

Noted Umpire

"Dotty," graduate of Springfield College, was Director of Athletics at Holyoke High School for 14 years turning out a great number of championship teams in several of the major sports. He has long been an established umpire and referee in baseball, football, and basketball games.

He is now with the Olympic teams in Germany and will resume his WPA duties August 26. Harry M. Ehrlich, Director of District Six, granted him leave of absence to make the trip.

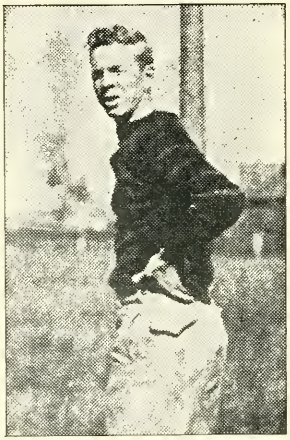
LETTER BOX

The following letter addressed to John F. Kennedy, co-ordinator, concerning the Somerville WPA Nursing Project, is self explanatory:

Dear Sir:

"We feel it our great duty to express our greatest gratitude to you and the Government in their movement of providing nurses and doctors for the care of the needy sick in our City of Somerville. We both have been sick and through Mrs. Grace Prince and her wonderful nurses have had the very best of care and attention. We could not have had any better care if we were in a position to have paid $100 per week. It sure is a great and worthy cause.

"Yours very respectfully,
"Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trenehard,
"12 Beacon Terrace,
"Somerville, Mass."



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Lynn Item: ". . . As an antithesis to the keen-pointed criticism at the various WPA musical projects in Essex County, it is high time that those ardent critics realize, as do most of the citizens in Lynn, Salem, Beverly and the rest of Essex County, that much pleasure, sunshine and cheer are brought to the institutions visited by the vocal and instrumental organizations . . ."

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New Bedford Standard Times: ". . . Federal Theatre Circus Unit . . . the circus was in town. Five thousand kids and their parents had the blue skies echoing to their hilarity at Buttonwood Park . . . and wonder of wonders, the admission was free . . ."

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Lexington Minute Man: ". . . A visit to the Mill Brook Project in East Lexington will repay anyone . . ."

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Springfield Union: ". . . 70 historical markers have been completed by a group of WPA workers and the work of putting them in place was begun . . ."

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WPA Recreation Units Popular

That WPA is meeting a great need in supplying opportunities for child and adult recreation throughout Massachusetts is well shown by the tremendous response the recreation program is receiving.

More than 100,000 persons take active part each day in sports, games, lecture groups, and the many other facilities provided in the communities. Some 200,000 additional persons watch these activities and the number of participants and spectators is increasing daily.

WPA employs 3000 trained instructors to supervise recreation, teach sports and other methods of playing to more than a half million boys and girls and older people each week.

Under the WPA work programs nine swimming pools have been constructed throughout the state and 12 others are under construction; 34 tennis courts are complete and 86 more are being built; 19 recreational fields are in use and 110 additional are being finished.

Swimming Instruction

WPA swimming instructors are always busy. In Springfield more than 4000 citizens receive lessons each week. In Boston more than 100,000 young people take part in the playground programs weekly and proportionate interest is shown in other cities and towns.

The 24 reading and game rooms in Boston have been utilized by 345,000 people since December.

Recreation Arts and Craft Class

Boys' Arts and Craft Class building boats at the Burroughs Newsboys Foundation.

Editorial

Occupations of the leisure time of a people is always a serious problem. In times of enforced idleness and economic distress, when large numbers of the community have too much unwanted leisure, and too little means of employing this leisure, the problem becomes grave. A Greek philosopher once said, "Despair lurks in the corners of unoccupied minds."

Games, sports, handicraft and opportunities for mental development, offered under competent leadership, pay dividends impossible to compute.

That the recreation program of the WPA is meeting with some measure of success in filling this popular need is evidenced by a daily participation of some hundred thousand boys and girls and grown-ups in the recreational activities, and at least as many again gathered to watch, in Massachusetts parks and playgrounds.

Everybody is welcome at WPA recreational programs. Learn to swim, play an instrument, sing, act, or watch if you will, but attend and have a good time.

Hourly Rates Are Established

The Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1936 which became effective July 1, 1936, states that the prevailing rate of wages be paid workers on all WPA projects.

For more than seven months the Massachusetts WPA has been paying prevailing wage rates, as established by the State Department of Labor and Industries, for skilled and semi-skilled trades in the building construction line and also for building laborers.

The Department has determined the wage rate on 1088 different construction jobs costing approximately $60,000,000.

When the Emergency Relief Act became law the WPA immediately established a prevailing rate of wages for unskilled laborers on all construction projects, varying from 50c minimum to 68¾c maximum. At the present time wage rates have been established for 536 classifications of labor with approximately 6000 different wage rates.

Rates by Localities

There are in the non-manual group a number of classifications for which prevailing wages have not yet been determined. Many of these classifications are for those engaged in professional and technical occupations.

Under WPA regulations workers must be paid the wage rate that is set up for the community in which the project is operated.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

1. Essex County
Director: Daniel W. Mahony

More than 3500 tons of stone set in cement were required in the construction of this 1100 foot WPA sea wall at Stage Fort Park, Cressey Beach, Gloucester. The wall preserves the beach area by preventing water and driven sand from flooding the park property.

2. Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk Counties
Director: Byrle J. Osborn

WPA beautification of the Cambridge Fresh Pond Parkway golf course includes the filling of unsightly water filled pools, messed with an accumulation of assorted junk and discarded automobiles.

3. City of Boston
Director: Col. Thomas F. Sullivan

Keeping pace with the development of Rendal Road and Weld Street district, in West Roxbury, WPA constructed 1200 feet of sewer and pipe drains. Throughout Boston, WPA has laid more than 21 miles of sewer pipe to date.

4. Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket Counties
Director: Robert F. Cross

Brick, lumber and other materials salvaged from demolition of old mills and other properties were used in the construction of the New Bedford Wharfinger building which contains offices, storerooms and living quarters.

5. Worcester County
Director: James F. Carberry

Practically all the granite used in construction projects of the district are taken from the Worcester WPA Green Hill Quarry. WPA workers cut and shape the stone for curbings, walls, buildings and other public uses.

6. Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Counties
Director: Harry M. Ehrlich

Whiting Reservoir, Holyoke, a rippling splash of silver set in a beautiful green countryside, is bordered by a narrow, dangerously curved road, lacking gutters, retaining banks and culverts. A Holyoke WPA Project is making this roadway a safe and modern thoroughfare.

Do You Know?

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. . . a quarter million WPA workers did salvage work during recent disastrous floods in addition to work already being done on projects for flood and erosion control.

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. . . WPA has built more than 100,000 blocks of city streets and alleys throughout the country.

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. . . thousands of unemployed engineers are now working on the WPA United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.

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. . . WPA dollars do double duty. In addition to maintaining workers and their families they leave permanent public improvement values.

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. . . eighty-three thousand parents are enrolled and 1100 teachers given employment in the Parent Education Projects of the WPA.

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. . . 76,000 children are cared for every day throughout the country in WPA Nursery Schools under the guidance of 6000 former relief recipients.

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News Briefs

★ Mrs. Hallie Flanagan Announces Boston Theatre

Mrs. Hallie Flanagan, National Director of the Federal Theatre Project, n a recent visit to Boston, announced he early establishment of a Federal sponsored theatre in that city.

The Boston theatre is expected to open in September for the production of worthwhile plays portrayed by the best WPA theatrical talent in Massachusetts.

After several prominent theatres were considered the Repertory Theatre was chosen as the Boston playhouse.

★ Congratulations Fred!

Striking evidence of the good the Massachusetts National Youth Administration is accomplishing for the youth of this state is exemplified by the true story of Fred F. Russell, age 18.

The oldest of nine children, Fred, son of a Gloucester fisherman, engaged in NYA part-time work at a wage of $25 a month. By strict self denial Fred saved $20 with which he purchased a fishing dory.

Fred is now self supporting, is in business for himself, is a guide, pilot and fisherman, and often earns as much as $7 a day.

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oral groups in this section.

WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE

Hundreds of children and grown-ups from the crowded mid-city section daily forget the heat in this healthy spot.

Boston WPA Charlesbank Bathing Beach

Children from Boston's hot and overcrowded West and North Ends, from Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Downtown, and East Cambridge, are smiling at the heat.

For now, within short hiking distance, at the Boston end of the West Boston Bridge, WPA has built a bathing beach and recreation site.

Charlesbank Beach, official title of the WPA Project, has proved to be one of the most popular swimming places in this section of the state. It is daily crowded with hundreds of children.

This is but one of more than 30 WPA Bathing Beach Projects throughout Massachusetts which have employed more than 2000 workers.

Charlesbank Beach runs 300 feet along the Charles River, has a deep, gently sloped, fine-sanded beach and extends back 120 feet to Charles Street.

A wide concrete sidewalk, above the sanded section of the beach, winds more than 1400 feet along the Metropolitan recreational site. Back from the beach is a regulation baseball diamond equipped with a large screen to protect the bathers. Benches and shelters are stationed at intervals.

Children are not the only ones to benefit. Family groups, young men and young women freely use this easily reached spot.

Tan is the predominating color. Automobile inner tubes are the most popular form of life preservers. And, though the beach as yet doesn't sport many gaily striped umbrellas or other exclusive beach trappings, children of Boston wouldn't swap this spot for any beach in the nation.

"We promise to administer this program sympathetically with a genuine understanding of your needs and a deep conviction that all you ask is an opportunity to earn your living honorably."

—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Milford Daily News: ". . . Holliston, Federal WPA Band in fine concert . . . Hundreds delighted by appearance of great organization . . ."

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Lawrence Tribune: ". . . The Salem swimming pool is a permanent improvement of an ornamental nature giving visible evidence of the money expended for it, and it also serves a highly useful purpose in giving pleasurable recreation and healthful exercise to large numbers of people during the summer season . . ."

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Boston Traveler: ". . . More than 5000 people attended the Playground Carnival Night at Hyde Park . . . The program was one of ten arranged by the WPA in co-operation with the Boston Park department . . ."

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Lynn Item: ". . . Lynn's plans for the finest public stadium in New England have been approved . . . The stadium will cost $289,000, the largest single WPA project of its kind in Massachusetts . . . It will be of steel and concrete construction and will seat 18,000 persons . . ."

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Newburyport News: ". . .Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the WPA band concert . . . enjoyed a delightful musical treat . . ."

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Pursuant to the authority of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts of 1935 and 1936, the Works Progress Administration is authorized to furnish information to the public on allotments made and on the progress of all projects as they are initiated and carried forward.

The WORKS PROGRESS BULLETIN is issued by the Information Service of the WPA at the Park Square Building, Boston. It is distributed free of charge to WPA workers. Any persons interested in obtaining copies may do so by applying to the Information Service. Editors of newspapers are invited to use any material contained in the Bulletin which may interest them. The Multilith process is used.

Col. Sullivan

Employment Service

Private employers are urged to use the National Re-employment Service, and the U. S. Employment Service, greatest of all employment agencies, headquarters the Federal Building, Boston, and branch offices in key cities throughout the state.

Thousands of workers listed at the agency in skilled and unskilled, professional and technical classes are available on short notice.

There is no charge to employer or worker for this service which has benefited thousands of needy people.

LETTER BOX

This letter is reprinted from "The Rambler", Cambridge Edition, Boston Evening American.

"Dear Rambler—Works Progress Administration and Welfare distribution of food and clothing in North Cambridge, has proven an asset to the people of the district as they were compelled in the past to go to the Inman Square fire house . . . This new distribution station has already proven a convenience in more ways than one . . . We wish to take this opportunity to extend our most sincere thanks to those considerate officials who have sponsored this station for the courteousness and attention accorded to each individual . . . This station has, among other things, saved the people transportation charges involved in going to the Inman Square fire station . . .

"North Cambridge Recipients"

Next week The Bulletin will conduct a "Question Box". All persons in any way connected with WPA are invited to send in questions concerning any phase of WPA procedure.

INTRODUCING COLONEL THOMAS F. SULLIVAN, DIST. 3

Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, WPA Director, District Three, City of Boston, is serving his city, state and government for the Works Progress Administration without pay.

Col. Sullivan, a life long resident of Boston, was born in South Boston, 1878, and has always resided in that section of the city.

For more than 40 years he has been associated with engineering and construction activities.

Among other important posts he has served as General Road Master for the Boston Elevated Railway, Commissioner of Public Works, Transit Commissioner, Acting Fire Commissioner and Acting Traffic Commissioner for the City of Boston.

He became Chairman of the Boston Transit Commission in 1922 and is still engaged in that position which he holds in conjunction with his free directorship of WPA's District Three.

★ WPA Historical Workers Unearth Valuable Maps

Invaluable documents replete with legend, fact and physical changes of cities and towns of Massachusetts have been unearthed by the Histo[illegible] ords Survey of the Federa[illegible] Project.

Included among the interes[illegible] are rare old prints and maps [illegible] India wharfs and Boston Har[illegible]

★ Federal Opera Is Suc[illegible]

Representative groups of [illegible] from all walks of life, city, s[illegible] federal authorities were in at[illegible] at the successful premier of [illegible] and Gretel", Massachusetts [illegible] Theatre Project opera, whic[illegible] Tuesday evening, August 1[illegible] Boston Opera House.

"Hansel and Gretel" was [illegible] by the production "Madame E[illegible] on the last three days of that [illegible]

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Certifying Agencies Being Established

Local agencies are being established throughout Massachusetts to certify persons as eligible for WPA employment.

These agencies are nominated by city and town officials and must be approved by the Works Progress Administration before they can begin to operate.

Any person seeking work must apply to the local agency set up in his community. If he is found to be needy his name will be placed on the list of persons eligible for employment when opportunities open in WPA.

Actual Hiring By WPA

The local agencies do not actually appoint workers to jobs.

As jobs open on WPA projects, District WPA Officials will assign persons certified [illegible]ible by the local agency.

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WPA Women's Nursery Project

Daily Oral Inspection of Children At Robert White Fund Health Unit, South Boston, by WPA Nurses

Editorial

The woman without funds and without a job is in a peculiarly tragic situation. Laborers, mechanics, skilled workers, out of steady employment, may still pick up an occasional job, but the woman, trained or untrained, is not likely to find any work opportunity open to her.

The Works Progress Administration is the only governmental agency furnishing employment on any large scale to such women. Every effort has been made to provide work that will maintain skills and morale. Trained supervisors teach thousands to accomplish work they could not do before.

Broken morale, through enforced idleness, is a dread spectre for any nation. The ability of the Works Progress Administration to place 25,500 Massachusetts women, in self-respecting employment to which they are adapted is a worthwhile accomplishment.

The high standard of morale maintained by women working on WPA projects was exemplified during the Spring flood. WPA women worked day and night making thousands of sandbags and garments. These women also helped unfortunate victims obtain food, shelter and clothing during the high flood period and when the waters had receded did work of untold worth in home cleaning and salvage.

25,000 Needy Women Working for WPA

One of the most vital activities of WPA is the providing of work for needy women.

Throughout Massachusetts WPA is employing more than 25,500 needy women on 600 work projects. This number represents more than a quarter of all persons employed by WPA in the state.

Special types of projects have been organized to provide work women can do and to teach them skills that will be useful. Sewing projects employ the largest number of women. Other work includes clerical, recreation, canning, library, research, art, music, drama and writing.

Emphasis is placed on employment of women in real need and 98.7 percent of all women employed are from the relief rolls. The remaining 1.3 percent are non-relief, skilled persons selected to supervise work.

Many of the women working on WPA are forced to work because their husbands are ill or incapacitated, others are widows with several children to support, some are single and care for aged parents while a considerable number are girls, alone in the world with no means of support.

Flood Relief

During the time of the spring flood nearly 24,000 women employed on sewing projects worked day and night to turn out 60,000 sandbags, more than 70,000 garments and thousands of sheets, pillow cases and nightgowns for use in the stricken areas.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

1. Essex County
Director: Daniel W. Mahony

Protection from damaging tides is given by this Manchester WPA rip-rap wall constructed along Beach Street where commercial fishermen and other boatmen use the wall landing. The entire surrounding area was also graded and beautified by WPA.

2. Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk Counties
Director: Byrle J. Osborn

A ward meeting place has been built, recreational quarters added and library floor space doubled by a recent WPA addition to the Linden Fire Station, and branch public library, Malden. The addition is provided with modern heating, plumbing and electricity.

3. City of Boston
Director: Col. Thomas F. Sullivan

One of the most difficult tasks encountered by WPA in the construction of many miles of Boston streets was the building of Edgemore road, West Roxbury, through a long stretch of solid rock. Dynamite, rock drills and much man power was used in this work.

4. Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket Counties
Director: Robert F. Cross

Brockton WPA added ten acres to the original 30 acres of fairways, built bunkers to tax the skill of players, widened fairways and did extensive grading and reseeding work at the D. W. Field public golf course.

5. Worcester County
Director: James F. Carberry

As a public health safety measure the Leominster WPA has constructed a large water filtration plant on Monoosnock River. Many skilled and unskilled workers were employed on this project.

6. Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Counties
Director: Harry M. Ehrlich

Children of Greenfield have benefited by the WPA construction of a new bath house and other improvements at the Greenfield Swimming Pool. Tennis courts and a soft ball diamond were built in the adjoining public park property.

Do You Know?

That

. . . when WPA was started three and a half million destitute men and women were taken from the humiliating futility of relief and put to work on 100,000 useful public projects in a few short months.

. . . WPA has financially aided 88,000 students in 46 colleges and 11 graduate schools and 11,000 students in 177 secondary schools.

. . . Library Extension Projects of WPA have served more than 1,000,000 homes in all sections of the country.

. . . More than 46,000 farmers in nine heat parched Western states are now employed on WPA's Drought Relief Program.

. . . WPA Federal Theatre has completed its first six months on Broadway. The score: six sparkling hits; a dozen moderate successes; a few failures. Total attendance over 3,000,000 people.

. . . Included among the exhibits at the Index of American Des[illegible] National Museum, Washington, [illegible] Rec- combination suits of heavy [illegible] with puffed sleeves showi[illegible] youngsters in the year 1880 w[illegible]

. . . more than 50,000 men an[illegible] who are qualified by training a[illegible] for such work are engaged in [illegible] search and statistical work.

. . . that WPA is enabling t[illegible] of skilled technicians to e[illegible] living at work for which t[illegible] trained . . . that through su[illegible] WPA is promoting the int[illegible] science, government, busines[illegible] arts.

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WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE

Handicapped Men Making Moccasins At Boston Army Base

WPA Aids the Handicapped

Busily engaged on work designed especially for them, 200 physically incapacitated men and women are eager and cheerful as they go about their tasks at the WPA project for the handicapped at the Boston Army Base.

Many of these workers daily come to work aided by crutches and canes. Persons with defective speech, hearing and sight, victims of heart ailments and other disabling diseases are being given an oppor- will asso rehabilitate themselves on this project.

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The n pite their difficulties these workers create an atmosphere of fied as d ambition that would be a real inspiration to workers pos- on file i f all their faculties and good health.

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The W. records, kept by a registered nurse on the project, show also noti improvement in the workers' health.

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the wor re are 150 persons operating machines on the project, 35 man- ng high grade leather moccasins and 15 producing hand knit- les. About half the workers are from the relief rolls and the been set towns a er from social agencies.

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from all hough production is not stressed as a major objective of the in the st pped project, the amount of goods turned out is only slightly hat of normal workers. The quality of the work is of the high- dard.

News Briefs

★Saves Three Lives

Philip Fontaine, WPA swimming instructor at Whiting's Pond, North Attleboro, this summer has saved three young boys from drowning.

Two of the boys saved were unconscious when brought ashore. Philip applied artificial respiration and did such thorough work there was little left for doctors to do.

None of the boys rescued were members of Philip's WPA swimming class. Members of the class are not allowed to enter deep water until they have successfully passed rigid tests.

★WPA Opera Big Success

Presentation of opera at popular prices by WPA artists was highly successful at the Boston Opera House last week. More than 14,000 persons attended the six performances.

Music critics praised the presentations of "Hansel and Gretel" and "Madame Butterfly." Music lovers were pleased at the professional standard of the singing and acting and the house was packed night after night despite the heat.

So great was the response that music officials have decided to present another week of opera in September. "The Flying Dutchman" will be sung and the two operas already given will be repeated.

Speaking between the acts, Dr. Nikolai Sokoloff, national director of music projects, said:

"Our presentation of opera, not only in Boston but throughout the country, shows that the American people are keenly interested and ready to support such a movement.

"It is my hope that the City of Boston eventually will take over the presentation of opera at popular prices, thus bringing good music to the great majority of music lovers who can only hear opera on the radio or from phonograph records.

"Although Boston isn't the first city to present WPA opera, I feel that the presentations here are vital for the success of the movement throughout the country."

Roland Hayes, internationally famous Negro tenor, who attended, was enthusiastic about the Boston performances.

MRS. HELEN TALBOY DIVISION DIRECTOR

Mrs. Helen Talboy, WPA State Director, Division of Women's and Professional Projects, has been an outstanding leader since her college days.

She was one of two girls in a large class of men at Drake University College of Law and was graduated Magnum Cum Laude with the degree LL.B., capturing the class prize for highest scholastic honors. She was admitted to the bar the same year.

Mrs. Talboy has long been associated with club, civic and relief organization work. She has been a writer and lecturer on international subjects in this country and in Europe. She has lived for two years in Asia Minor and fourteen months in Geneva.

In 1933 Mrs. Talboy became executive secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Conservation, which position she resigned in January this year to accept her present WPA position.

Mrs. Talboy

LETTER BOX

"Works Progress Bulletin,
Park Square Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.

. . . "I hardly believe that anyone in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, appreciates the meaning of WPA any more than the group of workers in this small town of Cheshire.

"Every worker is a certified relief case, many of us have felt the pangs of hunger, now we can at least hope for the return of prosperity with a full stomach.

"The WPA workers in Cheshire unite in sending thanks to the officials responsible for this marvelous program. . . ."

"Yours very truly,
WPA Workers,
Town of Cheshire."

QUESTION BOX

Q. Who determines the need of a person applying for WPA work?

A. Local certifying agencies determine such need.

Q. Is race, creed, or color a bar to WPA employment?

A. No.

Q. When WPA finishes construction on a building do they have any claim on it?

A. No. The building becomes the property of the community or state for which it was built.

"Chalk Dust" at Repertory Theatre

"Chalk Dust," New York City play hit, will be the initial Boston offering of the Massachusetts Federal Theatre Project, Monday, August 24, at the Repertory Theatre.

"Class of '29", another theatrical success, will be the second feature played to be followed by many popular selections to be acted by the 26 professional traveling companies of the Federal Theatre.

Prices range from 25c to 55c nightly. It is expected that two matinees a week will be given.

WPA Invited By Fair President

Sandy Roulston, president of the Weymouth Agricultural and Industrial Fair, to be held at Weymouth this Saturday and Sunday, has invited the Exhibit Department of the Massachusetts WPA to participate.

Mr. Roulston has offered the fair Clubhouse to WPA for exhibits of Works Progress in Massachusetts.

His offer has been accepted.

By popular demand, another moonlight sail will be held Monday, August 24th. All are invited.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Boston Evening Globe: ". . . Mor than 2000 persons enjoyed the presenta tion of the play 'The Lamp Went Out at the Town Field, Fields Corner, las evening. . . . This was sponsored b the Adult Recreation Project of th Works Progress Administration. . . ."

Boston Transcript: (New Orlear Times-Picayune) "Those citizens wh poke fun at what they consider the to leisurely pace of 'Relief works' an workers may be challenged by th latter's defenders to 'laugh off' th record claimed by a 'WPA Employe at Kewanee, Ill. On July 8 last, accor ing to an Associated Press dispatch, h laid 36,519 paving bricks on a stree paving job in a single day of seven an a half hours. This, we are told, is equiv alent of a quarter of a mile of 20-foc paving. Contractors, 'regard 15,00 bricks as a good day's work for on man.' . . . Kewanee story may be use for pointing-with-pride purposes b WPA officials wherever the jests abou 'workless' relief work provoke re prisal."

Boston Herald: "To the Editor o the Herald: I have seen many group working on WPA projects in var sections. I have seen these are boy's ferent hours in the day, gingham found them working as fa ng what men do who are working ore. contractors. . . . R. E. Traf

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PAUL EDWARDS, State Administrator

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Supervisors To Be Appointed By WPA

Determined to keep politics out of the WPA program, state administrator Paul Edwards has taken away from city and town officials the privilege of nominating supervisors who are paid out of federal funds.

From now on supervisors on work projects will be appointed directly by the Works Progress Administration. The only exception to this ruling is where cities and towns pay the supervisors out of municipal funds. In those places selection may be made by local officials.

Supervisors are key persons in conduct of the works program and in some instances WPA authorities are not satisfied with the nominations made by local officials. It has come to the attention of state WPA authorities that efforts have been made by local factions to inject politics into the program through this privilege of selecting supervisors.

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Household Training Program

Expert instruction is offered these Household Workers Training Project girls, 32 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston

Editorial

The Works Progress Administration is designed to provide work for needy persons regardless of their political faith or beliefs.

National WPA administrator Harry L. Hopkins has given his personal assurance on this matter as follows:

"No employee of the Works Progress Administration, either administrative or engaged on a project, is required to make any contribution to any political party.

"No Works Progress Administration employee's job will be in jeopardy because of the failure of said employee to make such contribution.

"No employee of the Works Progress Administration shall at any time solicit contributions for any political party and evidence of such solicitation will be cause for immediate discharge. The question of whether or not to contribute to any political party is a matter entirely for the voluntary decision of said employee.

"No person shall be employed or discharged by the Works Progress Administration on the ground of his support or non-support of any candidate of any political organization."

Household Workers Trained by WPA

Household work is being taught as an art in the five household training courses conducted by the women's division of the Works Progress Administration.

The courses are offered to girls between the ages of 18 and 30, who are anxious to obtain household employment. The training period lasts eight weeks and at the end of that time a certificate is granted those who satisfactorily complete the course.

There are five centers in operation at the present time: 32 Mt. Vernon St., Boston; 225 School St., Walpole; 11 Coolidge Rd., East Lynn; 11 Schussler Rd., Worcester and 259 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow.

Each girl enrolling receives 20 cents a day carfare, and luncheon, which is prepared by the girls in training.

Two home economics teachers instruct at each school. Courses are given in marketing, care of food, meal planning, cooking, correct table setting and service, laundering and care and cleaning of homes.

Mornings are spent in the actual procedure of keeping house in the schools. Afternoon classes are spent in lecture discussions and demonstrations.

Girls Getting Jobs

More than 50 graduates of the WPA household training schools have been placed and are now working in private employment. It is expected 112 girls will have been certificated by the latter part of September.

Besides giving employment, this program attempts to raise the social and economic standards of household employment.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

1. Essex County
Director: Daniel W. Mahony

Bacterial dangers are eliminated by the WPA construction of several thousand yards of large-stone, rip-rap work, along the vertical banks of Breed's Pond, one of Lynn's main water storage units. This wall prevents road embankment dirt and clay-bearing silt from being washed into the pond.

2. Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk Counties
Director: Byrle J. Osborn

A new Mt. Hood Golf Course Clubhouse has been constructed by WPA. The building, one story and attic, is fireproof throughout, has a stone exterior, asbestos shingle roof, contains a brick fireplace and is finished inside with natural wood, wood finish tile and has some flagstone floors.

3. City of Boston
Director: Col. Thomas F. Sullivan

Previous to WPA inmates of the Long Island Hospital were unable to attend church services during inclement weather as the hospital and chapel were not connected. WPA has constructed a 210 foot tunnel from the hospital to the chapel and a wooden approach similar to the chapel design.

4. Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket Counties
Director: Robert F. Cross

The New Bedford WPA City Yard Storage Building Project is designed to store machinery and other city equipment which has been deteriorating from being placed in an open yard. The building is solidly built with concrete piers extending through fill and peat to hard-pan.

5. Worcester County
Director: James F. Carberry

This cut-off in Auburn, on the Worcester Turnpike, was washed out by the Spring flood. A WPA construction project is rebuilding the cut-off and 30 feet of the macadam shoulders of the road.

6. Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Counties
Director: Harry M. Ehrlich

William Street, Pittsfield, a direct route from Pittsfield center to the Washington Mountain Road is being widened and reconstructed by WPA. Work includes filling, grading, oiling, building catch basins and a culvert and general repairs to a mile of roadway.

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. . . numbers of cases of incipien disease have been discovered in familie which WPA nurses serve. In one cit in this state **25 children suspected,** b WPA nurses, of having tuberculosi were X-rayed and **found to have** th disease. Early discovery prevents th spread of this disease and contribute greatly towards the recovery of th patient.

. . . WPA Adult Recreation Projec **entertainment units** have played t more than **2,000,000 people in thi state.**

. . . in the town of Milford, WPA i constructing **four miles** of concret sidewalk and curbing on streets wher no walks existed previously.

. . . prizes to winners of variou WPA **athletic tournaments** are sup plied by the WPA Arts and Craft Project.

. . . every available unemploye **needy nurse** in the drought-stricke areas of the country are now employe by WPA.

. . . Federal Surplus Commoditie Corporation Division, WPA, durin the last month distributed throug WPA to needy families of Massachu setts more than **3,000,000 pounds o food** and nearly a million pieces o clothing. Total value: $1,071,482.71.

. . . throughout the country 73 per cent of canning project workers and **9 percent** of total persons employed o sewing projects are women.

WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE

WPA Nursery School children wash away dirt of an outdoor play-yard, South Boston

WPA Nursery School Projects

WPA conducts 208 Nursery School Projects in all sections of Massachusetts.

Medically supervised and scientifically conducted these schools have a daily attendance of more than 6000 pupils and employ 718 needy nurses, teachers, cooks and charwomen.

Pre-school age children of all races, creeds and color are enrolled in classes where the health and well being of each child is the prime factor.

Each day every child is thoroughly examined by competent nurses and individual conditions are charted. In most cases charts show improved conditions after the first week or ten days of attendance.

Balanced lunch and dinner meals are served and as a special body building tonic tasteless cod-liver oil called "Bottled Sunshine" by the nurses and accepted as such by the children, is a daily prescription.

All manner of play equipment is provided as is clay for modeling, water colors, crayons, blocks for building and inclosed sandpits where forts and castles are made.

Regular wash-up periods dot the day and for an hour each afternoon all children sleep on special, individual cots.

At 3:30 p.m. each school day closes. Mothers, fathers, older brothers or sisters call for the children. Tomorrow will be another full and interesting day at the WPA Nursery School.

News Briefs

Police Captain Praises WPA Social Program

The number of prosecutions made against young men in the Boston local courts have been reduced since the establishment of the WPA Adult Recreation Division reading and social service rooms.

The above statement is made by Capt. William D. Donovan, Commander of Division Seven, Boston Police Department, who has sent the following letter to Paul Edwards, State Administrator:

"Paul Edwards,
Acting Administrator,
Works Progress Administration,
739 Boylston Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.
"Dear Sir:

"May I extend to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for the establishing of the Adult Recreation Division, the reading rooms and the social units in this district, at 120 Marginal Street, 276 Meridian Street and 525 Bennington Street, East Boston.

"The nature of the service performed by the members and teachers at these units, has had a very marked effect in the number of youthful depredations which in the past, have been registered at this station, during the school vacation period. And further, has reduced the number of prosecutions made against your men in the local court. This all tending to promote a friendlier attitude between the young men and the members of the Police Department.

"The establishing of these units and the teaching of the various games has lessened the number of street corner gangs, and I am informed that the checker and chess tournaments conducted have created a great deal of interest among the young men of the various units. This work must materially help in promoting a friendly feeling among the youth of the district, and will, I am convinced, create a feeling within their minds that clean sport is of great value, also, that time can be gainfully employed rather than be used for mischevious practices.

"Very truly yours,
WILLIAM D. DONOVAN"
Captain, Commanding, Div., 7.

★ WPA Allocates $769,480 For Massachusetts Bridges

Allocation of $769,480 for the replacement and reconstruction of four Massachusetts bridges damaged by last spring's floods has been announced by Aubrey Williams, Deputy Administrator of the Works Progress Administration.

A total of $375,000 has been allocated for reconstruction of the Deerfield-Sunderland, Connecticut River bridge; $372,722 for the Mantague-Gill, Connecticut River bridge; $14,113 for the Schnell Bridge, Northfield; $7,645 for the Bennett Meadow Bridge, Northfield.

Harry M. Ehrlich Director Dis. 6

Harry M. Ehrlich, Director of District Six, Springfield, is one of the most capable and popular Works Progress Administration officials in Massachusetts.

He was born March 12, 1891, at New Haven, Conn. The same year his parents moved to Springfield and Mr. Ehrlich attended primary and secondary schools in that city.

In 1913 Mr. Ehrlich graduated from the Boston University College of Law, passed the bar examinations and engaged in the practise of law at Springfield.

He has long been active in civic and club activities. He is the past exalted ruler of the Springfield Lodge of Elks, past president of the Hampden County Bar Association, and president of the Louis Marshall Law Club.

Mr. Ehrlich has been a member of the Judicial Commission on Investigation of the Courts and a member of the commission appointed to cooperate with the National Commission on Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the Adoption of the Constitution.

He was appointed Director of District Six early this year.

LETTER BOX

"Works Progress Bulletin
Park Square Building
Boston, Mass.

". . . I have just received a copy of the Bulletin and want to say that in my opinion it's a forward step for the benefit of all WPA workers. It will bring closer to the workers a clear understanding of the Works Progress Administration.

"I feel that Mr. Edwards should be complimented for this progressive step and am sure that all employed on WPA and those outside will obtain a clearer picture of department workings.

"The Bulletin is read with great interest by all the people on the project . . ."

"I am, yours truly,
WPA Worker"

QUESTION BOX

Q. Is preference given in employment on the WPA?

A. Preference in employment of workers on projects shall be given to persons certified as in need of relief by a Public Relief Agency approved by the Works Progress Administration and except with the specific authorization of the WPA at least ninety percent of the workers on a project shall be such persons.

Mr. Ehrlich

Woman Construction Boss, West Bridgewater

An overalled woman, petite and piquant, labors daily shoulder-to-shoulder with a gang of men at the WPA War Memorial Park Project, West Bridgewater.

Mrs. Evelina P. Johnson, 39-year-old mother of five children, is the only woman actively working in the field on a construction project in District 4.

Her official rating is landscape architect, but she is actually assistant foreman of the project. In overalls and blouse she works with men engaged in landscaping and beautifying the park.

She is a graduate of Cornell and has been an art student in Boston and New York. Formerly she taught art in the local high school

Antonio Silvira, stonemason on the job, says: "She's the tops with every man on the project and does she know her stuff—well, just take a look!" And he waved his arms in a manner calculated to embrace the whole Park, which was formerly a sore-spot and is now the pride of the entire town.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Boston Transcript: ". . . WPA officials, asserting that 'the Federal Government is keenly alive to aviation progress,' have made public a report which shows that the WPA is 'determined to push airport improvements now under construction to completion.' In Massachusetts, the report states, 122 airport projects providing for total expenditure of 954,583 are being 'rushed to completion.' The bulk of this amount is being spent at the East Boston Airport and the Squantum United States Navy air base."

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Springfield Republican: "Unsolicited letters of appreciation for the work being provided for blind persons and cripples on the WPA blind project have been coming to WPA Coordinator W. B. Hathaway. . . . One letter describes the project and the effect it has had on the morale of the 25 employes on the project. . . ."

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Worcester Evening Gazette: "Massachusetts has 1281 teachers, 37,970 enrollees, and 1392 classes in the emergency education program of the WPA. . . . This program is helping millions adjust themselves to new economic conditions . . . and that any effort to raise the educational standards of people has a definite dollars-and-cents result. . . ."

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"We promise to administer this program sympathetically with a genuine understanding of your needs and a deep conviction that all you ask is an opportunity to earn your living honorably."

—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

LABOR DAY BULLETIN

MASSACHUSETTS SEPTEMBER 7, 1936

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Prevailing Wages for Technical Workers

Prevailing wages for professional and technical workers have been determined by WPA officials through answers received from 10,000 questionnaires sent to industrial concerns throughout the state and the co-operation of The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians. The new rates are being established on all projects in Massachusetts.

Skilled and manual workers have been receiving prevailing wages for several months. The rates were obtained directly from the State Department of Labor and Industry. No rates were available, however, for professional and technical workers so WPA had to discover what the general levels were.

Increased Wages

Establishment of the new rates is resulting generally in an increase in hourly wages for these types of workers. The monthly security wages, however, remain the same. The increase is accomplished through a reduction in the number of hours worked.

The minimum wage under the new rates is $.68½ an hour for rodmen and chainmen and the maximum is $1.59 for engineers and architects.

Establishment of prevailing wages for professional and technical workers completes the major task of settling rates for all projects.

WPA Construction

Men Working

WPA workmen drilling away old concrete for new structure foundation, Boston WPA, Park Street Subway Project

Editorial

The Works Progress Administration of Massachusetts extends greetings to all workers on Labor Day.

Organized labor has co-operated closely with WPA officials ever since the works program was started and through these co-operative efforts many serious problems have been ironed out.

The cooperation of all workers both individually and through their organizations is recognized as the central factor in the successful prosecution of the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts.

WPA authorities appreciate the co-operation of labor organizations throughout Massachusetts in conduct of the works program.

WPA Is Employing 11,000 More People

Eleven thousand additional men and women are being placed at work on WPA projects throughout Massachusetts. Permission to increase the quota by this number was obtained in Washington last week by state administrator Paul Edwards.

New employment is being started rapidly so that a good portion of the farm to market road and roadside beautification work can be completed before the cold weather sets in.

Many other new workers are required to complete projects which were started in the spring and later abandoned because quotas were reduced. These unfinished projects will be completed before any other new work is started.

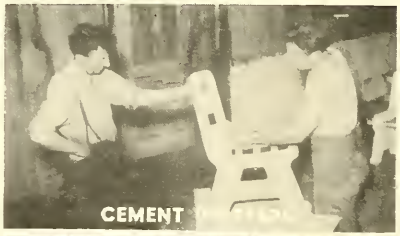
Because there is still a large number of employable persons on public welfare rolls throughout the state, administrator Edwards has requested a further increase in quota about the middle of September. Summer work opportunities are beginning to close down and WPA must increase to take up some of the slack.

Employables on Relief

Although public welfare rolls have decreased steadily in Massachusetts since January, there are still more than 55,000 employable cases on local relief. WPA authorities are anxious to make another cut in this number to help relieve the load on city and town welfare departments, which have to cope also with all the unemployable and dependent aid cases.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

WPA cement workmen in Haverhill are making 1000, six foot long, cement benches to be placed in parks and playgrounds. More than 11,000 men and women are employed by WPA in this district.


CEMENT

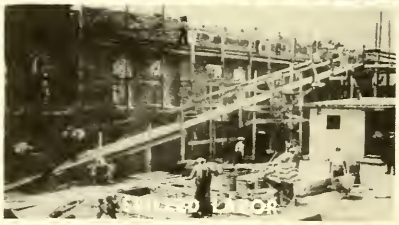
WPA skilled and unskilled laboring men are engaged in laying 17 miles of sewage pipe, in Somerville. More than 1200 men have been engaged on this project at one time. More than 22,000 men and women are employed by WPA in the district.

MANUAL LABOR

WPA bricklayers building walls of the new Club House at the George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park. More than 24,000 men and women are employed by WPA in this district.

BRICKLAYERS

Building materials salvaged from WPA Demolition Projects are used in the New Bedford WPA construction of the Vocational School Gymnasium. Many skilled workmen are busy on this project. More than 11,000 men and women are employed by WPA in this district.


SKILLED LABOR

WPA skilled bridge workers rebuilding the Chestnut Hill Avenue Bridge, Athol, which was damaged by the Spring flood. More than 8000 men and women are employed by WPA in this district.

BRIDGE WORKERS

More than 1500 women workers have been employed at one time on the Springfield WPA Sewing Project. Weekly this unit makes about 6000 garments. There are more than 11,000 men and women employed by WPA in this district.

WOMEN SEWING

Do You Know?

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. . . **Two and a half million** men and women from the relief rolls are at work in all sections of the United States on 90,000 WPA projects.

. . . since 80 per cent of the employable people on relief rolls are unskilled workers, WPA has put the bulk of its money and manpower on **public construction work.**

. . . WPA is building or improving **5722 parks,** playgrounds and athletic fields.

. . . WPA is now carrying out **3783 flood control** or other conservation projects throughout the country.

. . . WPA workers are extending or improving **5384 sewer systems** and 2543 water systems in the country; is installing or repairing 168 electric systems.

. . . WPA invites any interested citizen **to inspect** the projects in his home or any other locality.

. . . more than **85,000** destitute **farmers** in 13 west and mid-west heat parched states are now employed on WPA's Drought Relief Program.

. . . **Roland Hayes,** internationally known Negro concert singer and R. Augustus Lawson, pianist, after visiting the Cambridge WPA Negro Community Center Chorus were high in their praise of the group comparing it favorably with the **best small** choral units in the country.

. . . Miss Geraldine Robert, 17, 66 Ruggles Street, Boston, member of the WPA Boston Adult Recreation Project, has been **awarded a voice scholarship** by the New England Conservatory of Music.

. . . in Worcester, the Federal Theatre offerings at the Worcester Theatre **have been changed** from the first three days of the week to the last four days.

WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE

tate Administrator Paul Edwards and Gov. Curley at the Federal-State cornerstone ıying of a commissary building, first permanent building construction, at the Bourne WPA National Guard Camp.

Bourne WPA National Guard Camp

The Bourne WPA National Guard Camp Project is the largest ındertaking of this kind in the country.

It is twenty-three square miles in area, so huge that Cambridge ınd Somerville could be loosely placed within its borders.

WPA workmen are constructing eight miles of bituminous ma:adam roads, eighteen and a half miles of gravel roads, 50 bathıouses, one hundred and twenty-four kitchens and mess-halls, four warehouses, a hospital, an administration building and a gasoline station.

Twelve hundred acres of scrub land have been cleared for he parade grounds. A complete water system for 16,000 persons, ncluding wells, a pumping station, a filtration plant and over four ınd a half miles of pipe will be installed. There will be a complete ınd modern sewage system and a camp lighting unit.

Four fire stations will be erected in different sections of the camp ınd 300 small and 400 large tent floors will be built.

At present 500 men are engaged on the project. This number will be augmented with more men as work progresses. Included ımong those employed are laborers, masons, painters, plumbers, carpenters, electricians, pipe layers, rodmen, transitmen, truck drivers, timekeepers, clerks, draftsmen, foremen, and engineers.

A fleet of 51 trucks take the WPA workers to the camp from Falmouth, Onset, Sagamore, West Wareham, Wareham, Buzzards Bay, New Bedford and Fall River. There is no charge to workers for this aid.

Last month these trucks were driven more than 100,000 passenger miles without a single accident.

News Briefs

$3,000,000 for Flood Control

More than $3,000,000 in federal funds have been released in Washington for flood control projects to be executed in Massachusetts by army engineers with WPA labor.

It is expected 600 will be employed at Fitchburg and 400 more at Haverhill. The allotment for the first city is $1,800,000 and for Haverhill $1,020,000. Smaller sums were also released for flood work in Hadley, Hatfield, West Springfield and Springfield.

The work will include widening of river channels, deepening and clearing of rivers, construction of levees and retaining walls and possibly building of reservoirs.

"Chalk Dust"—A Hit Critics Give Praise

"Chalk Dust", three act comedy drama, initial Boston offering of the Massachusetts Federal Theatre, proved a pronounced hit when it opened last Monday night before a full house at the Boston Repertory Theatre.

Heading the list of distinguished guests was State Administrator Paul Edwards. His party occupied left and right boxes in the theatre and was enthusiastic in praise offered all connected with the presentation.

Elliot Norton, dramatic critic of the Boston Post said: ". . . Very nearly 1000 persons, most of whom seemed to be enthralled, saw governmental drama make its professional debut . . . with audiences like last night's this play will do good business. If that's what the project is for—and why not —it has been successfully launched . . ."

John Alden in the Boston Globe reported: ". . . was enthusiastically greeted by an audience that filled the balcony and most of the orchestra. . . . The humor in the play . . . was up to the minute and brought roars of laughter . . ."

Elinor Hughes in the Boston Herald said: ". . . has a number of qualities in its favor and the production—an elaborate one calling for numerous changes of setting—was both effectively designed and well-lighted. Considering the complications involved, last night's performance was both creditable and interesting. . . . The play has substance, the players are capable and the facilities of the Repertory Theatre . . ."

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

JOHN GATELEE, President of the Massachusetts Branch of the American Federation of Labor:

"For three years now, the workers of the Nation have been helped by Federal relief agencies. They have not been ordered to find work—at any wage—or any hours—or under any conditions. Thru these relief agencies, the Federal Government has provided minimum wages for the millions on relief, so that those who had jobs were protected from the worst extremes of sweatshop undercutting. In other words, the Federal Government has had a tremendous influence in pegging minimum wages thru its 'relief agencies'."

ROBERT J. WATT, Secretary-Treasurer, State Federation of Labor:

"I have no hesitation in saying that the relationship between WPA and its officials in Massachusetts and the officers and members of organized labor has been co-operative, helpful and sincere during the period from the beginning of WPA. As a result of this splendid relationship, the workers, both organized and unorganized, have not only benefited but unanimously voted 'that the A. F. of L. request that WPA, PWA and NYA be maintained until such time as the machinery of government was geared to take up employment in other ways' (such as the thirty-hour week.)"

ERNEST JOHNSON, Secretary, Boston Building Trades Council:

"Under the present State Administration the most cordial relationship exists between the organized building trades labor and the WPA. In the last six or seven months there has been very little friction. Labor feels that there is an open door. If we have any cause for complaint we have an opportunity to be heard, and if our complaint is a proper and justifiable one we have been able to secure adjustments. The present State Administration has been successful in surrounding itself with persons in key positions that are sympathetic and understand the viewpoint of labor."

Lt. Col. McDonough

LETTER BOX

Editor, The Bulletin

"Dear Sir:

"The West End Boys Neighborhood League, a WPA Project, has been organized since December, 1935, to remedy Juvenile Delinquency in the West End of Boston.

"This project works on the theory that if a boy is given the opportunity to spend his leisure time under watchful and able guardianship, in good wholesome recreation he will never get into difficulty.

"The project has been active for eight months and the membership has increased from 125 to 350 boys, ranging between the ages of 8 and 18. There are twelve Clubs well established and each Club has its own individual Director.

"The Program consists of a varied arrangement of Athletic Events, Club Meetings, Arts and Crafts, Hikes and Trips, Debating, Dramatics, Discussion groups and Story-telling.

"DANIEL F. O'KEEFE."

Senator JAMES P. MEEHAN, Secretary-Treasurer, Massachusetts State Building Trades Council, and Chairman of Committee on Labor and Industries of the Mass. General Court:

"I will say that where we have had grievances we have always received courteous and proper consideration from State Administrator Paul Edwards, and from Colonel John J. McDonough, State Director Labor Division. We find in the Building Trades, that we have many occasions to consult with both of these officials, and on every occasion we find them to be willing to co-operate with us and have adjusted difficulties to our satisfaction."

Lt. Col. McDonough Labor Relations Expert

Lt. Col. John J. McDonough, Director of the Division of Employment Massachusetts WPA, is a soldier, lawyer and labor relations expert of established reputation.

He was educated in the Boston public grammar and high schools, became a student of law and was admitted to the bar in 1913. He is a Bachelor of Law and a Master of Law.

Col. McDonough served as a private with the American Army at the Mexican border in 1914, enlisted as an American private during the World War and was honorably discharged as a lieutenant. He has retained his interest in military affairs and was recently promoted to the high office of Lieut. Col. of the Quartermaster Reserve Corps, U. S. A.

Col. McDonough has been officially connected with the construction department and the Water Department, of the City of Boston. He has been the Chief Inspector of the State Department of Labor and Industries and the Massachusetts State Compliance Director of the NRA.

QUESTION BOX

Q. What is the duty of the WPA Division of Employment?

A. The Division of Employment is entrusted with the task of apportioning the available labor supply to the projects in operation and, of establishing hourly rates in accord with prevailing wages paid in private industry. This involves close co-operation with the State Department of Labor, labor unions and the United States Employment Service. One of its most important functions is the handling of all labor relations of project workers.

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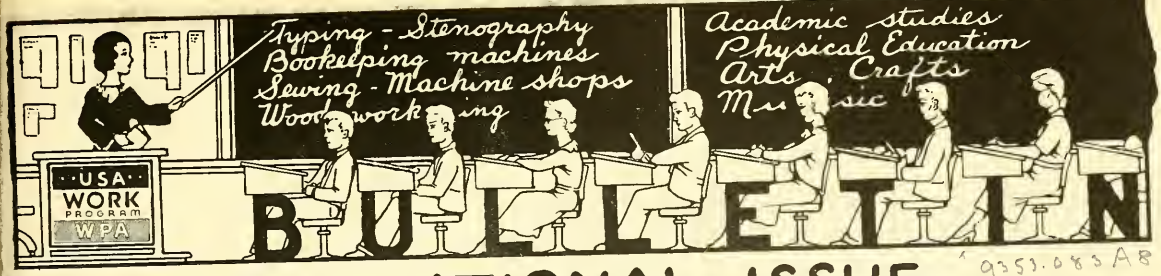

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Thousands Attend WPA Education Classes

Thousands of Massachusetts men and women regularly attend state-wide vocational and general adult training classes of the WPA Emergency Adult Education Program, sponsored by the Department of Education.

WPA employs 557 men and women teachers and supervisors and, averages 850 classes which are attended by more than 30,000 people each month.

In the larger cities classes are held in public school buildings. In smaller communities local community houses, YMCA, YWCA or other social centers are used.

Vocational training classes include courses in typing and stenography, sewing, machine shop and woodworking.

General adult training classes includes courses in the arts and crafts, academic studies, music and physical education.

Commercial Subjects

Commercial subjects attract the most students. Business practices and the operation of bookkeeping machinery head the list.

These classes are open all year. Most of the students who attended classes last winter continued their studies this summer.

Age is no barrier to WPA class attendance. Many of the students are 50 and 60 years of age. Most of the students are from 20 to 25 years old.

Summer Ends - School Begins

School days are here. Girl bathers wave good-bye to Summer at the WPA Bathing Beach, Bass Pond, Springfield.

Editorial

Skills of a people are sharpened by constant practice.

Throughout the country and in Massachusetts thousands of needy men and women are employed by the Works Progress Administration as teachers in the Emergency Education, Vocational and Adult Training Program.

Skills of these educators are being preserved. Their knowledge acquired through years of training and study has not been allowed to stagnate.

Thousands of people are given opportunities for further education through the employment of these teachers by the WPA Educational program.

School, Park, Field, WPA Construction

One hundred and fifty-four educational buildings, athletic fields, and playgrounds are being constructed or repaired by the WPA in Massachusetts.

Four thousand skilled and unskilled workmen are employed on these projects which are conducted in every district in the state.

Projects include construction and repair of grade schools, secondary schools, special schools, colleges, universities, educational buildings, playgrounds and athletic fields.

Projects according to districts follow:

District one, 23 projects, 511 workers; District Two, 53 projects, 880 workers; District Three, 27 projects; 1866 workers; District Four, 15 projects, 340 workers; District Five, 16 projects, 219 workers; District Six, 20 projects, 309 workers.

School Repair Work

Much of the repair and construction work in public school buildings was to repair damage caused by the spring floods. Walls have been rebuilt, floors, ceilings and walls replaced, painting done and lawns and other public property about the schools re-graded.

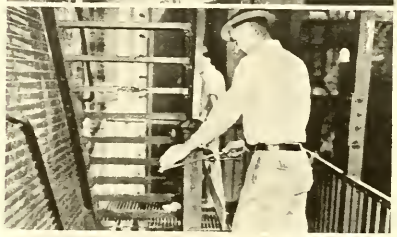
All of the school, park and athletic field projects have been requested by officials of the communities in which they are located and are sponsored by Schoolboards, Park Departments and the Massachusetts Department of Education.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

A new plumbing, heating and ventilation system has been installed by WPA in the A. A. Low School, Nichols Street, Salem. The old system was in poor condition and school authorities considered it a matter of economy to replace it at this time.

In Webster Grammar School, Cambridge, WPA workmen have weather-stripped 194 windows. This work will result in a saving of fuel costs, elimination of drafts from loose windows and will help maintain an even temperature throughout the building.

To insure the safety of pupils in the Cushman School, North End, WPA has rebuilt the fire escapes, setting in new gratings, new hook bolts and hand rails. Seven ironworkers and three laborers were employed on this job.



WPA is completing construction of a Playground and Athletic Field, Bedford Street, Bridgewater. Work includes the building of a football field, a baseball diamond, two clay tennis courts, a wading pool and a locker building with showers and a road bordering one end of the property.

WPA has employed 70 men during extensive repairs to the Ward Street School, Worcester. Work included installation of blackboards with frames and mouldings, washing of wall surfaces and the painting of all walls, ceilings, corridors, partitions and other sections of the building which needed attention.

The old slate roof of the main Administration Building, Smith Agricultural School, Northampton, which was badly in need of repair has been removed by WPA workmen and replaced with solid squares of new slate.

Do You Know?

That

. . . throughout the country WI provides employment for hundreds persons making **thousands of sch lunches** for undernourished children

. . . that these excerpts are tak from the report of the U. S. Conferen of Mayors, composed of mayors of 1 leading cities with a total populati of 25,000,000 people:

". . . There has been a great deal promiscuous and misinformed talk r cently concerning the character work being conducted under WPA.

". . . The integrity and permane usefulness of the city projects whic have been approved by the Feder Government need no apology fro anyone. These are the cities own pr jects. Honest and impartial analysi . . . will reveal that practically ever project represents a useful, and in mos cases, a permanent public improve ment . . ."

. . . scientists are hunting new secrets of health and comfort on research projects in dozens of great colleges and universities for WPA.

. . . teachers are leading a great revival of interest in education and the field of recreation is being widely expanded through projects for community organization of leisure by WPA.

. . . among the paintings selected by the Massachusetts Federal Art Project to be sent to Washington for exhibition purposes is a painting by Allen Rohan Crite, talented young Negro artist. The painting shows Negro children coming out of school in a Negro section of an American city.

. . . the WPA Adult Recreation Project in Massachusetts has more than 500 speakers available for lecture service. Some 400 individual lecture topics are listed.

. . . WPA Day in Clinton was a decided success. Town officials who sponsored projects joined with Administrator Edwards and his party in a complete survey of work accomplished through the WPA.

WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE

Four months old twins being bathed by WPA Public Nurses in Everett.

WPA Public Nursing Projects

The Massachusetts WPA conducts 32 Public Nursing Projects on which 236 needy graduate and registered nurses are employed.

In a single month these nurses have assisted in 7000 physical examinations, made more than 5000 health supervision visits and rendered first aid to many WPA workers.

One hundred and eighty-two nurses visit homes and the remaining 52 are employed on sewing, construction and canning projects as first aid specialists.

Each day in all sections of the state more than a thousand home calls are made by WPA nurses. WPA workers, recipients of old age pensions, and public welfare cases are cared for by these nurses.

WPA families are allowed to apply directly to the Nursing headquarters in their communities for aid. The Department of Public Welfare, the Visiting Nurses Association and City doctors turn over many nursing cases to WPA.

Practical nurses and housekeepers are not used on these projects. All nurses are registered. The work does not displace any nurses normally employed as all patients are without necessary funds to pay for private care. Patients are not charged for WPA nursing service.

Special attention is given to pre-natal instruction cases, maternity care, post-natal instruction and health supervision.

They enter no homes except on advice of registered physicians.

News Briefs

Bar Association Visit to Mt. Hood WPA Course

Interested in showing brother attorneys the beauties of his city, Atty. John J. O'Connor of Melrose, brought a group of Bar Association visitors to the Mt. Hood WPA Golf Course during the Association Convention.

The visitors played the nine holes which are completed (there are to be eighteen) and inspected the new club house.

From the fieldstone tower, one of the men caught his first glimpse of the Atlantic — the breakers at Revere.

This golf course project has employed from two to five hundred men weekly since 1933.

Melrose will boast one of the finest recreational centres in New England with the completion of the tennis, horse shoe and shuffle-board courts now under construction.

Federal Music Project Esplanade Programs

The Federal Music Project season on the famous Charles River Esplanade has opened. Here, in the excellent acoustical shell the State WPA Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Alexander Thiede will offer a program of light, summer music every Wednesday evening. Concerts take place on consecutive Wednesdays, weather permitting.

This will be the third season that government-sponsored music units have been heard in the Charles River shell. Situated in a most advantageous spot on the shores of the historical river, the shell has become a favorite rendezvous for music-loving Bostonians and visitors from other cities.

Hyannis Teacher's College Playground by WPA

A long standing deficiency in the equipment of the Hyannis Teachers' College will be remedied on completion of the College WPA Playground project.

Swamp land is being reclaimed, land is being filled and leveled and soon the swish of tennis rackets and bite of spiked shoes along the running track will sound on this once barren land.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

MR. E. EVERETT CLARK, Massachusetts Department of Education:

"With all propriety, it can be stated that the WPA Emergency Educational Program as organized in cities and towns throughout the state, has successfully achieved its fundamental objectives in the provision of gainful, professional employment to some 1300 unemployed teachers who have taught (1) 7000 children of pre-school age in above 200 emergency Nursery Schools and (2) 30,000 adults in a large variety of class offerings in the fields of occupational, avocational and cultural adult education."

MR. EDWARD J. ROWSE, Principal of the Opportunity School for Adults, Boston, Mass.:

"In addition to furnishing employment for many needy and worthy teachers, the Adults Education Project of the WPA has made a wonderful contribution to public education welfare and morale.

"Students came to the Opportunity School to increase their vocational skills, to better qualify themselves in homemaking or to find pleasant and profitable pastime for unemployed hours.

"Hundreds of students expressed their appreciation of the efficient instruction which they were receiving and sympathetic contacts which led them away from thinking of their own misfortunes, and gave them new ambition and courage.

"In my opinion this Project has contributed to the common welfare and public morale in a way which has not been exceeded by any other government project where a like amount of money has been spent."

WPA Preservation of Trees

WPA is preserving and caring for the trees in the city of Everett.

More than 200 men have been employed by this project which is engaged in the trimming and shaping of all shade trees, the removal of fungus growth, decayed limbs, the repairing of wounds and filling of cavities.

Dead trees and tree limbs that are a menace to the community are cut into stove lengths and distributed to welfare recipients.

Byrle Osborn

LETTER BOX

"Works Progress Bulletin
Room 211, Park Sq. Bldg.
Boston, Mass.

"As pastor of the North Falmouth Congregational Church, I wish to extend my gratitude to the WPA project for having provided our young people and summer friends with the opportunity to spend leisure time valuably in Woodcraft and Recreation. Previous to this summer, absolutely no supervised activities have been available for the young people, and as a consequence, many drifted into mischief.

"Since July 1, I have been working in conjunction with Mr. John Reynolds, WPA instructor, from the Falmouth Community Center with a large class in Woodcraft, composed of both natives and summer friends from all walks of life. From my own observation since I came here June 1, and from the reports of natives and summer friends, it is one of the finest things to happen in North Falmouth for sometime. It has kept the boys and girls off the streets, stimulated their minds and imagination creatively, offered a valuable way to spend leisure time, and made it possible for them to make many useful articles.

"Last Winter I saw the same fine results in Boston University. Had it not been for NYA many would have been forced out of school. In some instances it has been abused as is true of any great privilege, but for the most part it has provided leadership, employment, food and happiness for many. It has pushed forward great social, recreational and educational projects. It has restored lost pride, encouraged self-respect, promoted self-independence, and created a social responsible group. . . .

". . . These things WPA has done! For these things I wish to commend it highly!

"Sincerely,

"Rev. Allen C. Best."

Byrle Osborn, Dis. 2 Flyer, Soldier, Engineer

Byrle Osborn, aviator, soldier and industrial engineer, is the director of District Two, Massachusetts WPA.

He was born in South Dakota and educated in Minnesota. He has held important industrial posts in Minneapolis. During the World War he was a flying instructor and test pilot in the U. S. Air Service. After the war he was a Captain of Infantry in the Montana National Guard.

Mr. Osborn is a past-president of the Massachusetts Aero Club and a member of the Crosscup-Pishon Post, American Legion.

In July 1933 he was a volunteer member of the Massachusetts State Recovery Board later becoming office director of that board. He has held important offices with the NRA, CWA and ERA, and has been the Administrator of the Massachusetts Compliance Board.

WPA Discovers Old Print

In the basement of the Robert Gould Shaw School, West Roxbury, an official of the Federal Art Project Picture Restoration Project found 116 old pictures which had been discarded.

Among these was a colored lithograph, badly stained and discolored. Upon bleaching and further restoration work it was discovered that the picture was a rare old Currier & Ives print, one of a limited edition printed in 1892, a bust portrait of Christopher Columbus used in celebrating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America.

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STATE AIRPORT INSPECTION

Administrator Edwards Accepts Invitation To Attend

Eyes of Massachusetts will look skyward, Monday, September 28.

Twenty planes, the cream of the Army, Navy, National Guard and individual air groups will inspect major airports where construction and improvements have been made by WPA.

Sponsored by the National Aeronautic Association and the Boston Areo Club, the flight is the contribution of this state to the "Air Progress" celebration to be held in all sections of the country throughout the week of the 28th.

Paul Edwards, State WPA Administrator, asked to participate in this aerial survey, will attend with members of his official staff.

Adjt. Gen. William I. Rose, State Chairman of the Committee on Aeronautics has been invited with Hervey Law, New England Representative of the Bureau of Air Commerce and Capt. W. L. Rockwell, WPA Airport Projects Co-ordinator.

George W. Mason

George W. Mason, District Vice-President of the National Aeronautic Association, is chairman of the committee in charge.

The purpose of the flight, as explained by Mr. Mason, is to further the advancement of aircraft, to arouse public interest to the need of airport projects, to pay tribute to the rapid advance of aviation and to publically commend the Massachusetts Works Progress Administration for what has been accomplished and for what has been planned to better aircraft conditions in this state.

Thousands of men have been employed by the WPA in Massachusetts on aircraft projects.

These projects are located in key aviation sections of the state and are sponsored by the individual communities in which they are located.

The air tour will start from the East Boston Airport at 10 a.m., will gather in formation, strike for the U. S. Naval Reserve Base at Squantum where WPA workers are engaged in construction and improvement work. No stop will be made at this port. The squadron will circle the Base, dip wings in formal salute and fly to Hyannis led by an official plane containing Administrator Edwards and Aeronautic officials.

Here the official plane will land. The remainder of the flight will circle the field in formation groups while Mr. Edwards will escort aviation officials on a short inspection trip about the field where extensive WPA work has been done.

WPA projects to be inspected from air by planes flying in formation

"Flying Ambassadors"

Again in the air the official plane will lead the "flying ambassadors" to the Westfield Airport. All ships will land and civic, association and aviation officials from Westfield and surrounding communities will meet the party.

After luncheon the squadron will turn north to Turners Falls, inspect the airport there and continue east where inspection tours will be made.

From there the fleet will fly to Boston and the party will attend a dinner given by the National Aeronautic Association. Federal, state, civic and association officials who were unable to make the air journey will be present at the dinner.

Following dinner a picked squadron of planes will stage a sham night attack and air battle over the Lawrence airport. Anti-aircraft equipment and huge, powerful searchlights will be brought into play by the defending ground forces.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

District No. 1

Two hundred additional catch basins and 7000 feet of 8 inch pipe line has been connected with the present trunk storm drain throughout Haverhill by the WPA. These much needed basins and connections will remove storm waters more efficiently. Sixty-two men were employed on this project.

District No. 2

WPA in Lowell has improved over 12 miles of farm-to-market roads. Previously many of these roads were impassable during parts of the Spring and Winter seasons and in all seasons travel was difficult.

District No. 3

This new park in the rear of the Administration Building, Boston City Hospital, was laid out and planned by WPA engineers. Convalescent patients will benefit from these beautiful surroundings.

District No. 4

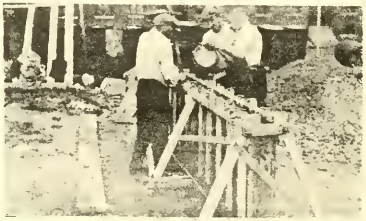
Inadequate drainage resulting in flooded conditions about Bedford and Stinzo Streets, Fall River, will be remedied with the replacement of this new WPA White Brook drain from Bedford Street to Quequchan River.

District No. 5

This huge digestive tank is a part of the Leominster WPA Sewerage Disposal Plant Project, a sanitary protective measure approved by the Massachusetts Department of Health.

District No. 6

The Holyoke WPA Street Sign Project included the making and erecting of 1200 street signs of sheet metal and 300 standards of pipe fitted into precast concrete bases. These signs will aid motorists and greatly improve traffic conditions in the district.



Do You Know?

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. . . progress in air travel and in air safety have been pushed years ahead by WPA workers. Thirteen hundred airports have been constructed or improved and 13,000 cities identified by WPA air markers.

. . . more than 800 laborers, steam shovel operators, truck drivers and skilled workmen are employed by WPA on the Nashua River Valley Flood Project.

. . . on one project where lumber was not available WPA raised an old dock, broke it up and used the timbers; another project revamped abandoned stone crushers and put them to work; another project salvaged engines from discarded automobiles and used the engines for sawmill power work.

. . . Frederick J. Mulhaupt, famous Gloucester artist and associate member of the National Academy of Design, will paint an historical mural for the Gloucester High School under the auspices of WPA.

. . . in many sections of the country State Capitols have been rehabilitated and redecorated by WPA workers.

. . . the WPA airport program looks to the needs of the future. With air travel growing by leaps and bounds in the United States, the fields of today will be inadequate tomorrow. Heavier planes require larger and more durable landing fields. Emergency fields are needed off the main lines to cut the toll of accidents. Airports are being drained, filled in, and leveled, new runways added and old runways paved, hangars are being constructed, beacon lights installed, and markers put up.

. . . as a grand climax to the WPA Springfield Playground Recreation Program, 1000 boys and girls, the pick of 48 WPA and Municipal playgrounds gathered at Forrest Park and competed in a gala series of athletic contests.

WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE

Violin Classes are Popular

WPA Music Teachers' Project

Ten thousand adults and children, enough people to completely fill five large theatres, receive free music lessons each week from the Music Teachers' Project, Massachusetts WPA.

An additional 19,000 people are applicants on the project list. There is not enough money, there are not enough teachers, there is not enough space to accommodate these thousands who wish to avail themselves of musical opportunities.

This project does not affect the earning of professional teachers. The WPA students are members of needy families who are without funds to pay for musical educations.

Students are taught by unemployed professional musicians. Public schools, rooms in social organizations and quarters donated by interested public minded citizens are used as class rooms.

Classes in voice, piano, violin, and all manner of wind and string instruments, are held.

Evidence of the project's worth may be found in the thousands of letters of appreciation sent department heads. Further evidence of worth is demonstrated by the thousands of copies of sheet music sent project leaders by people from all over the state.

The Music Teachers' Project has a three-fold aim — to provide employment for professional musicians, to give musical opportunities to members of relief families and to contribute to the cultural values of the state.

News Briefs

Springfield WPA Boulevard Approved by Council

Springfield's city council recently approved a $100,000 bond issue to cover the city's share of the new bridge over Watershops Pond, an important link in the Springfield WPA Crosstown Boulevard.

The new boulevard is being constructed on undeveloped property where real estate values will be greatly enhanced. Nearly two miles long, the boulevard will be an important traffic artery for residents of Springfield and motorists passing through the city.

Modernization of Salem Armory By WPA

WPA workers are changing the Salem armory from a drab, neglected structure to a modern, well-kept building.

A lighting system comparable with that of the Boston Garden has been installed. The building has been painted and the obsolete, dust-covered gas fixtures have been removed.

A ramp will be constructed to allow motorized equipment to enter the building. There will also be a new roof on the boiler house, showers on the second floor and modernization of the lavatories.

Fitchburg WPA Construction Protects Valuable Records

Fitchburg's public records are now protected from destruction by fire by WPA-built fireproof vaults.

Until the vaults were built, city records were kept in old cells in the basement of the 90-year-old city hall. Sheet iron had been placed over the cell bars.

When the old vaults were cleaned out many records of the Civil War were found—also a bottle half filled with old rum.

James F. Carberry Capable Director

James F. Carberry, capable Director of District Five, Worcester, was born in that city and has lived there all his life.

His education in the public schools was supplemented by special study of private courses over a long number of years.

He has been associated with a concern specializing in automatic machinery and in recent years has been a realtor and insurance man.

Mr. Carberry is a Past-President and the present Executive Secretary of the Worcester Real Estate Board and is connected with the State and National Real Estate Boards.

He has served as President of the Worcester Board of Fire Underwriters, has served in the Worcester City Government, in the State Legislature, was a member of the Citizens Grade Crossing Commission, and was Worcester License Commissioner.

Mr. Carberry is a member of the Worcester Rotary Club and of the Bishop O'Reilly Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus.

"Class of 29" at Repertory Theatre

"Chalk Dust", Federal Theatre WPA comedy-drama closed Saturday after a successful three week run at the Repertory Theatre, Boston.

"Class of 29", New York stage hit, will open this Tuesday and continue through to October 10.

During the week of October 12 there will be no showing and rehearsals for "It Can't Happen Here", dramatization of Sinclair Lewis' powerful novel, will be held in preparation for the initial opening Tuesday, October 20th.

QUESTION BOX

Q. If there is an emergency and I have to work overtime should I be paid for this work?

A. *It is against the law to pay any Government employe for overtime work. Your foreman or supervisor will arrange your time schedule so that you may have time off for the overtime.*

Mr. Carberry

LETTER BOX

"My dear Mr. Edwards:—

". . . find that progress is made on the construction of the Ashland WPA swimming pool project.

"In travels thruout the state have noted the work of completion of all such worthy projects which were originally approved by your departments.

"This is commendable and therefore wish to make this expression in letter form.

"Yours very truly,
AXEL E. ZETTERMAN,
Executive Secretary,
Massachusetts Selectmen's Association."

"Works Progress Bulletin,
Park Sq. Building,
Boston, Mass.

"In the interesting weekly Works Progress Bulletin I haven't seen anything as yet about one department that might be mentioned, and that is the work of the Safety Directors and First Aid men on Massachusetts WPA projects.

"The work of the First Aid men on WPA projects is very seldom spectacular, but from my observation the first aid that is being rendered to the workers by myself and other First Aid men is undoubtedly responsible for many happier WPA workers' homes due to the fact that loss of work through injury to a worker is disastrous to his dependents, although the compensation given in case of total disability, is of course a help.

"However, what I started out to write is that Somerville's fine set up in WPA Safety and First Aid work and also throughout the rest of the state is worthy of a write-up and portrayal to the readers of the Bulletin.

"Sincerely,
HARRY HURLEY,
34 Avon St.,
Somerville, Mass."

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

AVIATION: The Oldest American Aeronautical Magazine:

"With the practical objective of developing the nation's aviation ground facilities to a par with the rapid advance of present flying equipment, the airway and airport program of the Works Progress Administration is combining its primary mission of providing employment for men formerly on relief with the construction of necessary projects of national value and utility.

"The national plan embraces construction of new airports, filling and grading existing fields, construction of new runways and paving of old ones, provision for adequate drainage facilities, construction and remodeling of hangars, administration buildings, installation of adequate field lighting—including beacon lights—and such airway radio facilities and other aids to navigation as are adaptable to the work relief program."

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WPA Shellfish Projects Produces Banner Crop

WPA Projects for shellfish conservation are bringing in real dividends.

Along the shores of Barnstable about $500 was expended by WPA in seeding clam beds. Less than a year later, men who would otherwise be on relief, harvested a clam crop valued at $3000.

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NEW EMPLOYMENT POLICY EXPLAINED

WPA Workers Asked to Register With Employment Service

"In 1933 the United States Employment Service was created . . . Tonight I urge all workers to co-operate with and take full advantage . . . of the Employment Service. This does not mean that there will be any lessening of our efforts under our WPA and PWA and other work relief programs until all workers have decent jobs in private employment at decent wages . . ."

This policy was expressed in a Presidential speech, Sunday, September 6.

The responsibility of making this policy effective lies with the U. S. Employment Service and the WPA.

Paul Edwards, Massachusetts Administrator, has instructed all administrative officials in all districts of the state to work with the U. S. Employment offices in making this policy effective.

Employment Service

Representatives of the Employment Service are now contacting workers on projects, and interviewing these workers to bring their work histories up to date.

These histories are filed in the district offices of the Employment Service and every effort is made to better the conditions of the workers by placing them "in private employment at decent wages".

When work conditions will not allow the interviewing of workers on projects, workers will be given a card giving the time and place to report for re-registration.

Every effort is being made by the WPA and the Employment Service to accomplish this certification with the least possible inconvenience to project workers.

Time lost during interviews on projects will be considered as part of the day's work.

When workers have to leave the project for interviews they will be allowed to make up the time lost.

All project workers are asked to co-operate in this registration which will provide opportunities for workers to receive normal employment as openings in private industry occur.

PAUL EDWARDS, State Administrator

Editorial

I wish to urge upon each WPA Project Worker the importance of registration with the United States Employment Service.

With definite signs of an increase in employment in private industry in Massachusetts the Works Progress Administration is taking every possible step to provide WPA workers with every opportunity to enter private employment.

It is necessary that every worker have a current work history with the Employment Service so that intelligent placements can be made as work opportunities arrive.

Paul Edwards

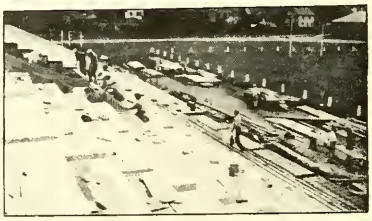
DISTRICT BRIEFS

1. Essex County
Director: Daniel W. Mahony

In the center of Atkinson Park, Newburyport, WPA workmen have constructed a fifty-foot, field-stone, observation tower. Surrounding grounds have been landscaped with grass, trees and shrubs.

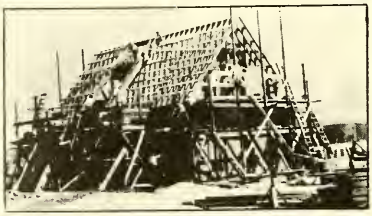
2. Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk Counties
Director: Byrle J. Osborn

Thirty-five hundred additional football spectators will be accommodated with the completion of concrete bleachers erected by WPA on either side of the Union Avenue Athletic Field, Framingham.



3. City of Boston
Director: Col. Thomas F. Sullivan

WPA workmen have erected a modern [illegible] essential for the health and con[illegible]ce of those who use rec[illegible]ties at the American Legion Field, East Boston.



4. Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket Counties
Director: Robert F. Cross

County Street, Attleboro, is being excavated and refilled by WPA with a seven-inch stone asphalt penetration pavement. On the south side of the street eight sewer man holes will be reset.

5. Worcester County
Director: James F. Carberry

WPA in Fitchburg is rebuilding Princeton Road Bridge which was partially demolished by the March floods. The new bridge, forty feet wide, will soon be completed.

6. Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Counties
Director: Harry M. Ehrlich

This Palmer WPA Roadside Beautification Project includes the terracing of banks, building of retaining walls, laying of sod and the planting of trees and shrubs to prevent soil erosion.

Do You Know?

That

. . . Federal and city officials will inspect all projects in the section during the Webster WPA Day to be held Monday, October 5.

. . . Sinclair Lewis, internationally famous author of "It Can't Happen Here" which will be dramatized and produced by the Massachusetts Federal Theatre in the Repertory Theatre, Tuesday, October 20, has said: "In spite of commercial offers for the dramatization I prefer to give it to the Federal Theatre for two reasons—first, because of my tremendous enthusiasm for its work and, second, because I know that I can depend upon the Federal Theatre for a non-partisan point of view."

. . . work is nearing completion on the North Andover WPA Reservoir Project. The reservoir will hold 1,500,000 gallons of water.

. . . thousands of spectators have witnessed WPA Sewing Project exhibitions in Lawrence, Gardner, Clinton, Haverhill, Blackstone and New Bedford.

. . . the Town of Saugus Playground Commission recently presented a "Field Day" under the direction of the WPA Recreational Project.

. . . Ernest Bacon's "Cantata" will be given its world premiere in San Francisco this fall. Mr. Bacon, who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in music in 1933, for his "Symphony in D", is conductor of San Francisco's WPA Symphony Orchestra.

. . . in New York, over two hundred and ten thousand persons unable to pay for private instruction, attended WPA summer classes at 141 music centers.

. . . WPA orchestras, bands and choral groups in Chicago presented 522 compositions by 114 American composers in programs between January 1 and September 10.

WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE

Atlantic St., West Gloucester, Farm-to-Market Road Construction

WPA Farm-to-Market Roads

Coming of the harvest season brings forcefully to the forefront the importance of the Massachusetts WPA Farm-to-Market road program.

Construction and improvement of roads leading from rural communities to cities and towns will enable farmers to quickly carry produce to market, with no damage resulting to perishables from delays caused by rough roadways and poor traveling conditions.

Rural sections will be opened up to visitors, bringing added business to those living in the country. Tourists and travelers will make more frequent visits so the market will be brought to the farmer in many instances.

More than 2000 miles of Farm-to-Market roads are being improved throughout the state by WPA. When these roads are completed a web of good highways will give access to the most remote communities.

State Administrator Paul Edwards is increasing the number of men working on Farm-to-Market roads by several hundred so that a good portion of the work can be completed before the cold weather sets in.

There are now approximately 3000 men employed on state Farm-to-Market road construction projects in the state. These men are working in every WPA district except Boston.

Instead of being disgruntled when you see the familiar "detour" sign where this work is going on, remember the slogan used in the West where most roads are dirt and construction of hard roads is still in its infancy, "Detour, The Sign of Progress."

News Briefs

Neal B. DeNood Returns to Harvard

The Works Progress Administration is in receipt of the resignation of Neal B. DeNood, able State Coordinator of Statistical Projects. Mr. DeNood has been an important member of the state administration for the last year.

His resignation follows in part:

"Although I am happy to return to my studies and teaching at Harvard University, I am offering my resignation to the Works Progress Administration with the deepest regret. My enthusiasm for the program, my interest in the work, and my pleasant association with the people in the organization, all combine to make the matter of resigning very difficult. I am indeed grateful for having had the opportunity to render service with the Works Progress Administration and extend to all of the members in the organization my best wishes for success in this great public service.

"Neal B. DeNood"

Saturday Matinee For "Class of 29"

"Class of '29", Massachusetts Federal Theatre drama, which successfully opened last Tuesday at the Repertory Theatre, Boston, will be continued through October 10.

Throughout the run of this play-hit there will be no Monday evening performance. Each Saturday there will be a matinee at 2:30 p.m.

Federal Grand Opera a Striking Success

Grand Opera as presented by the Massachusetts Federal Music Project in the Boston Opera House from September 18th to the 24th, proved a tremendous success.

"The Flying Dutchman", "Madame Butterfly", "Hansel and Gretel" and "Mam'selle Fiagaro" and "Sightless", presentations offered to capacity audiences, were well received by the Boston Press.

Moses Smith, Boston Transcript critic reported:

"I was not fortunate enough to attend the first operatic performances of the Federal Music Project in the Boston Opera House a little more than a month ago. But on the basis of the presentations of "Hansel and Gretel" and "Madame Butterfly" in the same theatre on Saturday afternoon and evening last week I have no hesitation in writing that this latest operatic venture is more than a 'pretty good egg.'"

"We promise to administer this program sympathetically with a genuine understanding of your needs and a deep conviction that all you ask is an opportunity to earn your living honorably."

—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

Daniel W. Mahony District One Director

Daniel W. Mahony, lawyer and civic leader, is the popular Director of District One which embraces Essex County.

Mr. Mahony was born in Lawrence, received his early education in the public schools of that city and graduated from Phillips Andover Academy and Georgetown University.

He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1903. He is a member of the Essex County Bar Association.

Mr. Mahony was Clerk of the Lawrence District Court through 1911-1916 and was Mayor of Lawrence in 1922-1923.

As Receiver for the First National Bank in Haverhill, Mr. Mahony made this bank the first liquidating bank in New England to pay its 8000 depositors 100 percent dividends.

Fourteen WPA Bands at Cambridge Festival

Fourteen WPA concert and military bands, numbering 500 performers, joined in a gala State Music Festival of the Massachusetts Federal Music Project, at Russell Field, North Cambridge, Sunday afternoon, September 27.

Thousands of spectators witnessed this colorful event.

Bands taking part in the festival were from Beverly, Newburyport, Lawrence, Lynn, Haverhill, Chelsea, Medford, Everett, Brockton, New Bedford, Fall River, Worcester, Holyoke and Springfield.

QUESTION BOX

Q. Is there any way I can make up lost time on a WPA Project?

A. You are paid only for the time you work. You will be allowed every reasonable opportunity to make up time lost because of weather conditions or temporary interruptions beyond your control. Such lost time may be made up in the current or succeeding pay-roll months, as the job permits.

Daniel W. Mahony

New Aids For Blind To Be Made By WPA

Extension of facilities for educating the blind will result from a new and unusual Massachusetts WPA project.

The work provides for design and manufacture of models, appliances and special diagrams for use in instructing the blind in architecture, mechanics, biology, history and many other arts and sciences.

Pursuant to the authority of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts of 1935 and 1936, the Works Progress Administration is authorized to furnish information to the public on allotments made and on the progress of all projects as they are initiated and carried forward.

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WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

"Editor of the Fall River Herald News:

"I am wondering if our citizens realize the significance and civic meaning of the recreation work conducted by the WPA. Even those who thronged North Park on the night of the pageant may not realize all that this means. Groups of children from sixteen parks and playgrounds, of every race and creed, uniting in artistic recreation are bound to mean much to the future brotherly spirit of our community. This is character building of the most effective kind.

"It will be very hard for those involved in this sort of play and music to begin hating each other because of differences in race or creed.

"Entirely apart from politics, it would seem that such activities meet a real social need. Those who do not realize the definite tangible social value of community recreation and artistry are simply unaware of the needs of civilized life. We need more of it.

"REV. A. C. THOMAS, Pastor,
"First Baptist Church,
"435 Cherry Street."

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Editor, The Rockland Standard
Rockland, Mass.

Dear Sir:

"The WPA workers, under the direction of Mr. Atwood, who have been engaged in improvements on Goddard Avenue, have been so considerate and co-operative, that I want to thank them in this manner for what they have done.

"These men have seemed to take pride in their efforts and to want to make our properties look attractive and serve us better. While adhering to regulations they have gone out of their way to be helpful. As a result work has been done for which we otherwise should have had to wait for years. I am proud to have had an opportunity to meet them and am glad of this opportunity to express my thanks for all that has made possible this work.

"Cordially yours,
"RICHARD K. MORTON"

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Washington Approval For State Highways

Washington approval has been granted Administrator Paul Edwards for extending the highway improvement program that will benefit all sections of Massachusetts.

Sufficient monies have been allocated to provide for 117 projects, including road construction and repair, sidewalk construction and highway beautification projects.

Allocation of this money will make it possible to accomplish much work before cold weather sets in. State officials sponsoring these projects are cooperating with WPA officials to insure immediate undertaking of these projects.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Labor—backbone of all constructive work

Administrator Edwards

Mr. Edwards tells of Washington's approval in the following statement:

"Final Presidential approval has been received in the amount of $17,912,222.00 covering projects which were submitted to Washington several weeks ago requesting a total of $36,000,000., for the purpose of constructing, repairing and improving highways, roads and streets in Massachusetts.

"In accordance with procedure set up by the Federal Works Progress Administration, funds will be made available to prosecute these projects within the quota of persons as established for the State. The $17,912,222.00 represents Presidential limitation and the expenditure of funds may not exceed this amount. This does not mean any increase in the amount of persons employed above the quota as established early in September, at which time authorization was granted to employ 11,000 additional persons, making the total 100,300 State quota.

"These additional people are to be assigned by the WPA in accordance with rules and regulations established under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1936, which provides that 90% of the persons employed on these proje[illegible]me from relief rolls.

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150,000 Massachusetts Families Are Aided

Food and clothing is distributed to 150,000 needy Massachusetts families each month by the Federal Surplus Commodities Division.

WPA has created a project employing nearly a thousand workers in the distribution of these necessities. Private business does not suffer as families receiving this aid are without funds to purchase these commodities.

Working closely with the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and the WPA women's sewing rooms, this division extends much help through its 266 distribution centers in all parts of the state.

Since inception of the WPA, this division has distributed more than 5,000,000 garments and household articles, 13,000 tons of food commodities, 150 mattresses and 4500 comforters.

In money this represents a total food value of $3,500,000 and clothing and household articles valued at $5,500,000.

During the past few weeks, the division, in conjunction with the women's sewing rooms, furnished thousands of greatly needed articles of clothing to children preparing to return to school.

Commodities Distributed

Among commodities distributed are apples, beans, canned beef, butter, cereals, canned milk, onions, soup, prunes and many other types of preserved and fresh fruits and vegetables. More than 70 kinds of garments and household articles are provided.

Meeting a great emergency at the time of the flood, this division installed field kitchens, and with the cooperation of the National Guard, provided food and clothing for thousands of sufferers.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

1. Essex County
Director: Daniel W. Mahony

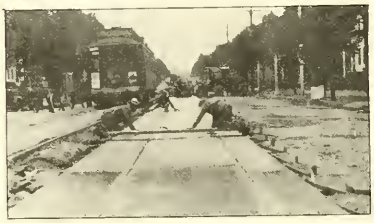
At City Home, Gloucester, WPA razed a dilapidated wooden structure and built an all-stone garage and storage shed. These buildings will be used jointly by the City Home and the Welfare Department.

2. Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk Counties
Director: Byrle J. Osborn

Reforestation, terracing and landscaping of 100 acres of land, including Horn Pond, Woburn's major water shed, has been completed by the Woburn WPA. More than 100 men were employed.

3. City of Boston
Director: Col. Thomas F. Sullivan

Bennington Street, East Boston, main artery between Sumner Tunnel and Revere and Winthrop has been resurfaced with asphalt by WPA. Street car reservations have been eliminated and there now is a clear road surface of 60 feet between curbs.



4. Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket Counties
Director: Robert F. Cross

Additional Parking Space for the thousands of visitors who annually visit historical Plymouth Rock will be provided with the completion of this WPA Water Street stone sea-wall.

5. Worcester County
Director: James F. Carberry

Chestnut Hill Avenue Bridge, Athol, ravaged by the Spring floods, is being reconstructed by WPA and will soon be opened to traffic. Forty unskilled and 18 skilled workers are employed on this project.

6. Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Counties
Director: Harry M. Ehrlich

On Sperry Avenue between Elm and Lincoln Streets, North Adams, WPA has strengthened the bank of the Hoosac River with an 80-foot long and 11-foot deep retaining stone wall. Public and private property will be benefited by this reconstruction.

Do You Know?

That

. . . Administrator Paul Edwards, Carl Rogers, Executive Assistant, John J. Fitzgerald, Director of Operations, and Captain W. L. Rockwell, WPA coordinator on Airport Projects, were guests of the National Aeronautic Association and Boston Aero Club at a state-wide airport inspection tour, Monday, September 28. Airports constructed, improved and repaired by WPA were visited.

. . . Holyoke WPA recreational workers assisted in entertaining 3,000 children, members of the Spanky McFarland Club, a safety unit to instruct Holyoke children in safety measures, at an outing in Mountain Park. A WPA band and orchestra furnished music.

. . . District Six has 43 Professional and Service Projects in operation, employing 890 persons.

. . . on the edge of Kaibab National Forest in the Grand Canyon, Arizona, buffalo are still hunted. In the forthcoming WPA Travel Handbook today's method of hunting buffalo is fully described.

. . . at the Chicopee WPA Playgrounds, safety campaigns were instituted for the purpose of training children to observe the rules of safety on the streets and on the playgrounds.

. . . a preview of the material to be included in the American Guide and the 150 state, city, and sectional guides being prepared by the Federal Writers Projects of the WPA is being held in Washington, at the National Museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

. . . "It Can't Happen Here", Federal Theatre's dramatization of Sinclair Lewis' powerful novel which opens October 20 [illegible] Repertory Theatre, Boston, [illegible] New York City [illegible] on the same day [illegible] eagerly awaited [illegible] to [illegible] goers that th[illegible]tunity to New Yo[illegible] New York [illegible] as made accordi[illegible] first three m[illegible] sold o[illegible] the sh[illegible] en[illegible]

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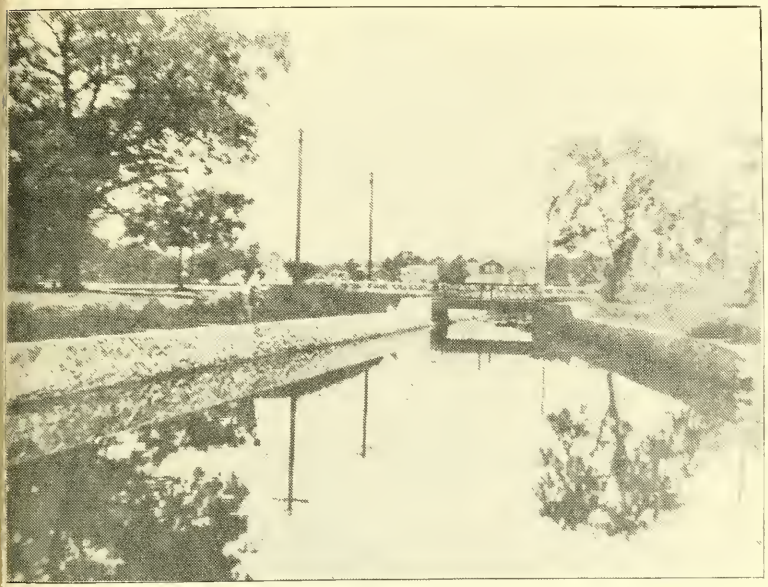

Ten Mile River, cleaned, repaired, straightened and walled by WPA.

Ten Mile River at North Attleboro

Construction work that is eliminating a serious health menace, reclaiming hundreds of acres of swampland, safeguarding scores of homes against flood damage, and transforming an unsightly and malodorous watercourse into a source of civic pride, is going steadily forward under WPA on the Ten Mile River in North Attleboro.

The pitch of the river bed, in the two-and-one-half miles between Whiting's Pond at the north end of the town and Falls Pond at the south end, was little more than two feet. The river's course was clogged with debris, muck and peat.

Hundreds of acres of what should have been profitable grass land, and in some instances land suitable for buildings, was bogged. Many stagnant pools, where mosquitoes bred, were formed. Health officials have frowned upon Ten Mile, home-owners along its course have suffered from flooded cellars and dooryards.

Today, for two-thirds of its length, Ten Mile is a beautiful stream.

Its course has been straightened, the river bed generally has been cleaned of muck and peat and, where necessary, has been filled to establish a gravel base. Between Whiting's and Falls Pond a stretch of 9,200 feet has been so treated, and both sides of the river have been walled-up.

The land alongside the new walls has all been filled. Seven hundred acres of swampland have already been reclaimed; upon this there is a luxuriant growth of grass. And while Ten Mile River is still not a swiftly flowing stream, there is sufficient flowage to insure clear water.

News Briefs

WPA Toy Repair Project Operated in Springfield

Mindful of the approach of Christmas, WPA has approved a project in Springfield for the repair of toys, books and games which can be distributed to children of the needy on Christmas Eve.

The articles are being collected by Boy Scouts. The work of repairing will be carried on in cooperation with the social agencies of the city at 83 State Street, where the rent, materials and supplies will be furnished by charitable organizations of the locality.

Salem WPA Filing Clerk Obtains Decorating Job

A Salem WPA filing-clerk, Mrs. Angelo Costanzo, recently obtained a hotel interior-decorating job in New York City.

Born in Rome, Mrs. Costanzo studied sculpture under Renthill and Bekmann, was graduated from Boston's Vesper George School of Art. She has decorated several hotels and residences in-and-about Boston, has also worked for the Italian Government.

Though Mrs. Costanzo hastened to accept the New York job, she seemed none too happy to leave WPA. "The Works Progress Administration is one of the greatest things in the world," she said, "because it helps people to get their lives balanced again. I hate to leave this job, for I have been working for the finest of governments."

WPA Offers Boston, Springfield Radio Shows

Musical entertainments will be featured by the Massachusetts WPA Entertainment and Educational Units during radio presentations from October 5-10 through Boston and Springfield radio stations. Programs follow:

Boston—WCOP

Mon. at 2:15	Thurs. at 2.15
Tues. at 11:15	Fri. at 2:00
Wed. at 11:00	Sat. at 2:45

WORL

Mon. at 7:00 P.M.	Wed. at 7:00 P.M.
Tues. at 3:30	Fri. at 3:30

WMEX

Wed. at 9:45 P.M.	Fri. at 2:00
Thurs. at 10 P.M.	Sat. at 2:00

Springfield—WSPR

Mon. 10:15	Tues. 10:15-1:30-3:30
Wed. 1:30	Thurs. 9:15-10:15-3:30
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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

Robert F. Cross

District 4 Director

Robert F. Cross, capable Director of District Four, spent his boyhood in Boston and Lexington where he attended the public schools.

He graduated from the Massachusetts State College, Amherst, was engaged as a landscape architect with a Boston concern for three years after which he became general manager of a private corporation owning properties in various sections of the state. He held this important post for 22 years.

Mr. Cross was the first president of the Cape Cod Horticultural Society, is a member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, is a past president of the Massachusetts Nurserymen's Association, is a member of the New England Nurserymen's Association and a member of the Florists Telegraph Delivery Association.

He is a director of the Hyannis Trust Company, a charter member of the Hyannis Grange, a member of the K. of C., the Elks, the Saturday Night Club, the Beacon Club and the Barnstable Planning Board.

Mr. Cross lives at Osterville, Cape Cod.

LETTER BOX

"Works Progress Bulletin:—

"Any man or woman who has been without employment any great length of time and has been forced to go on the welfare knows what it means to have honest work again to gain back their self respect and independence.

"As hope and courage slowly failed, it will slowly regain itself through employment and that is what the WPA is doing helping people to find themselves and return to their former state of living.

"I think most of the criticism about the leisurely pace of relief workers is made by those people who never knew what unemployment or welfare meant; it certainly didn't come from the needy ones who know what it is all about and have suffered both mentally and physically.

"WPA Woman Worker,
"Project 5826."

MR. CROSS

WPA Display Articles Are Not For Sale

Many people visit the offices of the WPA asking where they may purchase articles exhibited in windows of the Park Square Building by the WPA Exhibition Department.

These articles are the property of the United States Government and are not for sale as they are made by government workers with government materials on government time.

Such articles are given to schools, libraries and other public institutions. Clothing articles and food are distributed to the needy of the state.

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WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Quincy Patriot Ledger:—

"The value of any investment is measured directly by the returns made from that investment. . . . On the basis of that axiom, the several millions of dollars which the tax payers of this city have tied up in school buildings are now, thanks to the WPA Community Centers, yielding greater returns—and consequently are more worth while as investments—than ever before.

"School property can be used only a few of the 24 hours in each day by public school activities. The rest of the 24 hours they are non-revenue paying investments, a dead weight for the tax payers to carry.

"Along comes the WPA Community Centers and their projects a year or so back. Through the courtesy of the school department, seven schools are turned over, in part, for the accommodation of these projects.

"During the past summer the attendance at these various projects in rough figures, has been around 50,000, or much more than half the entire population of the city.

"Thirty-three classes are held weekly in the seven schools, and the weekly attendance is about 1,300.

"Fifteen federal shows drew about 7,500.

"Socials have drawn about 6,000.

"Various other activities swell these totals, with both adults and juniors getting free instruction and amusement in times when both are costly and hard to get.

One distinct result of the WPA is that the people of Quincy are getting more out of the millions of dollars tied up in school property than they ever got before."

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State WPA Strikes Out at its Critics

Dishonest Charges Hit WPA Workers and Cities and Towns

"I have refrained from entering into political discussions because I believe that a program which is giving work to the needy in Massachusetts should be kept completely out of the political field.

"At all times this administration has given hearings before the press to all charges. The WPA has come out of all these hearings with clean hands.

"We have never claimed that this program has operated without mistakes. Honest criticism has been made. This criticism is welcome. It has helped us administer this program to the best interest of the worker.

"Suddenly, one month before a national election, a great flood of charges, destructive criticism, and deliberate misstatements are released.

"What is their source?

"Why have they not been aired before?

"Their source is obvious. They would have been aired before if there was any foundation for such charges. WPA workers who look to this program for their support would have aired them before WPA officials. Their source, in blunt terms, is partisan politics.

"It is a crying shame that a program whose only purpose is to help the needy of Massachusetts should be made a target for the guns of partisan politicians.

"I am compelled to speak out against dishonest criticism which is levelled at every WPA worker in Massachusetts. Such criticism, when it is the ammunition for partisan politics, is unfair to those persons who are trying to make a living thru the only work medium open to them.

"Not only does such criticism reflect unjustly on the thousands of honest persons trying to make an honest living, but it hits the towns and cities who request federal aid and originate and sponsor projects on which WPA workers are employed.

"As Administrator, I do not intend to permit the workers of the WPA to be subjected to unfair and dishonest charges without answer."

Paul Edwards

$3,000,000 Allocated for Flood Projects

Three million dollars has been allocated to Massachusetts for extra-quota flood projects sponsored and administered by the War Department.

Though WPA workers will be used on the War-Department projects, entire supervision rests with Army engineers.

The following projects have been announced:

Fitchburg levee and channel work, $1,800,000; Haverhill levee and channels, $1,020,000; Hadley riprap and levees, $41,818; Hatfield levee repairs and construction, $55,146; West Springfield, $18,500; levee construction in Springfield and West Springfield, $125,000.

Work on the Nashua River Valley section of the vast flood-control project is underway. Dredging and construction over a 525 square mile area will employ from 600 to 900 workers—practically every registered worker available on WPA lists in that section.

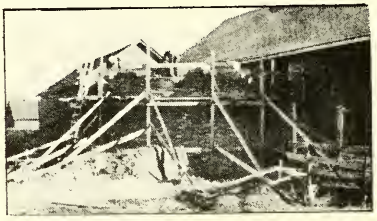
Eighty-two regular flood projects are now operating in the state.

Of the four districts in which flood projects were operating—1, 2, 5 and 6—District 5 had the greatest number of projects—38. District 6 was employing the greatest number of men—796 at the end of the period.

DISTRICT BRIEFS

1. Essex County
Director: Daniel W. Mahony

WPA is building a modern, brick silo at the City Infirmary, Brown Street, Haverhill, to replace an old silo in need of repair and in danger of collapse.



2. Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk Counties
Director: Byrle J. Osborn

Meadowbrook Road, Newton, is being constructed by WPA to serve the new Oak Hill School. When completed, the road will be 1060 feet long and 33 feet wide with five-foot sidewalks on either side.

3. City of Boston
Director: Col. Thomas F. Sullivan

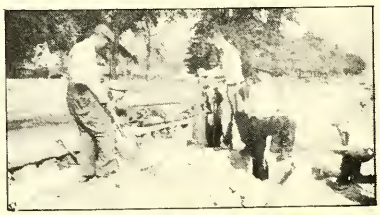
At the Army Base, South Boston, WPA employed more than 1000 men repairing and altering buildings, warehouses, wharves, roads, grounds and water and electric systems.

4. Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket Counties
Director: Robert F. Cross

Pine Street, Marshfield, has been graded, straightened and widened by WPA. Four miles of Farm-to-Market roads have been improved in this town.

5. Worcester County
Director: James F. Carberry

WPA in Worcester removed electric car rails on Belmont Street from Shrewsbury Street to Lake Bridge and is installing safety islands in the center of the highway.



6. Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden Counties
Director: Harry M. Ehrlich

At High McLean Reservoir, Holyoke, WPA is improving the travel-way. Work includes widening and eliminating curves, extending culverts, grading gutters for surface drainage and constructing a stone wall.

Do You Know?

That

. . . WPA's Drought Relief Program now employs more than 200,000 farmers throughout 13 Western states comprising most of the emergency drought area.

. . . a special detachment of 91 WPA nurses in Alabama, worked with the State Health Department in combating the recent infantile paralysis epidemic, by assisting county health officers.

. . . WPA Circulating Libraries are carrying reading materials into thousands of rural homes where not even a magazine or newspaper was before available.

. . . more than 12,000 women from relief rolls in the United States are employed to prepare hot lunches for undernourished children in both rural and city schools.

. . . in Lynn, construction of the first unit of a system of sewers to serve the district around the easterly shore of Breed's Pond, has recently been approved by WPA.

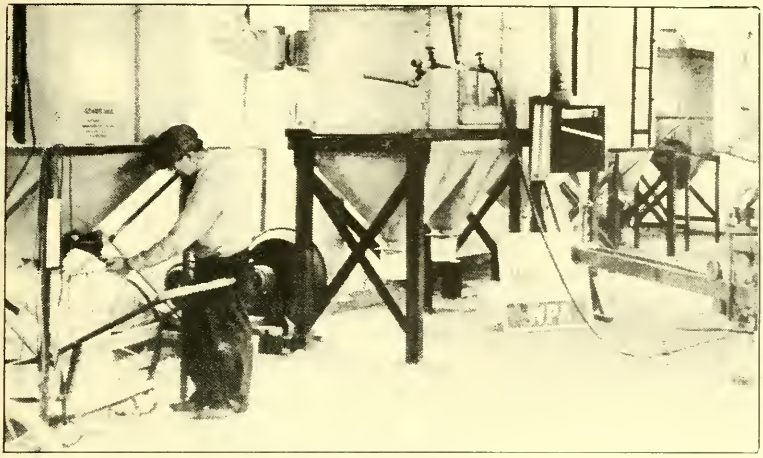
. . . one hundred and ninety-three men will be employed by WPA on the Drainage and Mosquito Control Projects in Bristol and Plymouth Counties.

. . . in New Orleans and its metropolitan area, an average of 75 WPA workers leave WPA projects daily for private employment.

. . . the Webster WPA day attended by Webster and state WPA officials included a tour of all projects in the section and was climaxed by an entertainment in the Webster town hall featuring a Sewing Project display and entertainment.

. . . an audience of nearly 5000 people was thrilled by one of the most entertaining outdoor programs ever to be given in Melrose, during a joint Field Day held recently by WPA and the Melrose Park Department.

WEEKLY BOONDOGGLE



Testing Dust Removing Equipment

WPA SILICOSIS PROJECT

Silicosis!

This dread word is written across charts in thousands of hospitals throughout the country, tragic recording of industry's most devastating occupational disease.

Silicosis, curse of the granite industry, is caused by the absorption or inhalation of granite dust particles and results so often in pulmonary tuberculosis that this disease is the eventual cause of the death of one-third of all granite workers.

The Works Progress Administration of Massachusetts, aided by Manfred Bowditch, Director of the Massachusetts State Division of Occupational Hygiene, one of the nation's foremost experts in the study of Silicosis, is making pioneer scientific effort to eliminate the causes of Silicosis, to better conditions of all workers, to perfect reasonably priced dust eradicating equipment for employers and to submit to the state and federal government protective findings for regulatory purposes.

In a typical small granite workshop, 35 Bates Avenue, Quincy, property loaned for the project by Angelo and Ernest Bizzozero. owners, this work has been unobtrusively carried on for the past year. Edward C. Riley, an engineer with an inventive frame of mind, is in direct charge of the shop.

Equipment has been loaned by a distinguished group of public minded manufacturers, other equipment, much of it new and revolutionary in character, has been built at the project and more than $1000 has been contributed by insurance companies, tuberculosis associations, employers' groups and organized labor.

The project has been developed along two main lines. The first step was to invite all known makers of dust exhaust and collection devices to send samples of their equipment for erection and test under actual working conditions. Four manufacturers sent six separate pieces of apparatus and a working model of a seventh.

The second step involved the designing, invention and construction, at the project, of apparatus in which efficiency and cost were balanced to best meet the need of the worker and employer.

News Briefs

WPA Hyde Park Road Project Employs Additional Men

Employment of about 400 men at the Fairmount Avenue highway project in Hyde Park augmented manual personnel to approximately 1200 since the work was inaugurated a week ago. The project will construct a six-lane state highway connecting Hyde Park and Milton sections.

Another extensive project — the Wood Avenue playground in Hyde Park—was started recently when 200 workers were assigned to the eleven-acre tract. WPA plans to utilize about 600 workers on this project during the winter months.

WPA Framingham Athletic Field Wins Praise of Grid Team

When Melrose's star football team rolled up a score of 26 to 6 this week, against Framingham High, at Framingham, the boys remarked, "It's easy to win on a field like that."

The field referred to was the Union Avenue Athletic Field.

Conditioning of the field and erection of grandstands, seating from 2500 to 3000, is a WPA project.

WPA Projects Help State Fish Hatcheries

In an effort to bring about increased productiveness of the State Fish Hatcheries, WPA projects have been approved for the towns of Montague and Sutton which will give employment to a number of men over the next few months.

The work will consist of repairing and improving the pools and spillways and constructing new fry pools along the streams. The present sluiceways will be replaced with reinforced concrete box sluiceways. The work of brushing the reforestation lots will permit of better growth of trees, and the work proposed on the floor ditches will be a protection against loss of fish during high water periods, at which time damage to the rearing pools usually results in serious loss of fish life.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Springfield News:

WPA Makes Possible Job That Fire Department Has Been Trying to Get Done for 5 Years

A fast-hardening cement mixture which will bear the weight of heavy fire apparatus after a night of drying is being used on the WPA concrete walk and approach project which was started today by the street department at the corner of Columbus Avenue and Court Street.

The surface is that leading into the main fire headquarters and the adjacent sidewalk. It is work that the fire department has been endeavoring to get done for the past five years, only to have money for the project eliminated from its budget regularly, Chief Herbert C. Root pointed out today. Finally the WPA made the job possible.

The approach is being laid in separate sections in front of the doors of the headquarters so that only two entrances at a time will be shut off for a short period. The new surface will eliminate several levels of walk and damaged sections caused by years of weathering.

WPA Marionette Shows At Repertory Theatre

A series of special WPA marionette shows for children was inaugurated Saturday morning at the Repertory Theatre. Each week a marionette show will be presented under the sponsorship of the Federal Theatre.

First presentation was "Gulliver's Travels." Forty tiny characters played through 10 colorful scenes in this play. Twenty operators work the marionettes which are made by WPA workers.

Admission to the shows is 25c. If schools or organizations desire to arrange purchase of 50 or more seats for a performance, the charge will be reduced to 15c per ticket.

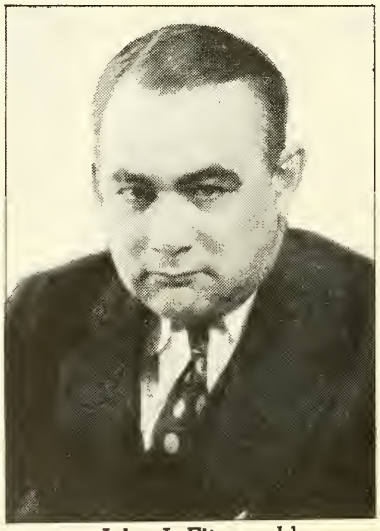
John J. Fitzgerald Engineering Expert

John J. Fitzgerald, Director of the Division of Operations, civil engineer and general construction engineer, was educated in the Cambridge public schools and Harvard University, graduating in 1910 with an S. B. degree.

For the last 26 years Mr. Fitzgerald has been active in engineering work; civil engineering comprising surveys, computations and field work; general construction engineering comprising estimates, computations, cost analyses, plant installations and general supervision.

Mr. Fitzgerald has held executive positions with private concerns, has worked with the Massachusetts State Department of Health, was Assistant Engineer for the City of Cambridge, has worked on railway electrification surveys and for eight years was chief engineer on heavy dam construction for one of the most important contracting firms in New England.

Since 1933, Mr. Fitzgerald has held important administrative positions with the CWA, ERA and WPA. He lives in Belmont.



John J. Fitzgerald

Springfield Radio Broadcasts Are Inaugurated

A WPA radio program to continue for four weeks over Station WSPR at Springfield made its initial bow recently with Harry M. Ehrlich, District Director, the first speaker.

Thomas Quirk, Supervisor of the Employment Division; Mrs. Lucille Lockhart, Supervisor of Women's and Professional Projects, and M. J. Daley, Supervisor of Operations, will also broadcast.

LETTER BOX

"In regard to the WPA I would like to say that they are doing splendid work in the Housekeeping project. I have had a housekeeper for the last 3 months. Two months of that time I have been confined to bed. I do not know what I would have done without the help of . . .

"There are four children to care for, along with the housework. The children and house have been very clean.

"I think it only fair to give . . . some recognition for . . . faithful work here.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Daniel Desmond,
8 Spring Garden St.
Dorchester, Mass."

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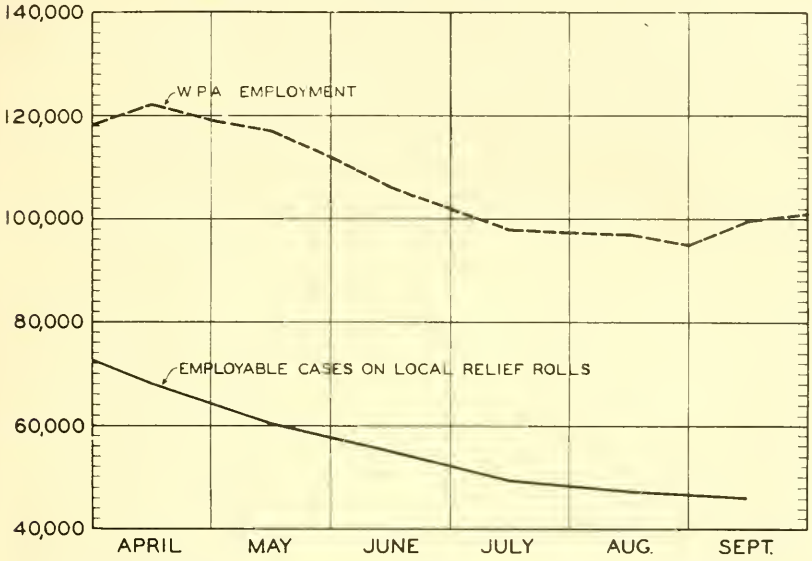
TREND OF EMPLOYABLE CASES ON LOCAL RELIEF AND W.P.A.
APRIL TO OCTOBER 1936



To All Administrative and Project Employees:

I wish to again call to the attention of all Administrative and Project employees an Administrative Order issued over the signature of Harry L. Hopkins, and published in the *Works Progress Bulletin* of August 28th:

"No employee of the Works Progress Administration, either administrative or engaged on a project, is required to make any contribution to any political party.

"No employee of the Works Progress Administration shall at any time solicit contributions for any political party and evidence of such solicitation will be cause for immediate discharge. The question of whether or not to contribute to any political party is a matter entirely for the voluntary decision of said employee.

"No person shall be employed or discharged by the Works Progress Administration on the ground of his support or non-support of any candidate of any political organization."

Any violation of this Administrative Order should be promptly brought to the attention of the proper officials.

I am publishing this Order at this time so that there shall be nc misunderstanding in the mind of any employee as to the Administration's policy in this matter.

Paul Edwards

Relief Rolls Are Reduced

There are 17,500 fewer people employed on WPA projects in Massachusetts today than there were six months ago.

In addition to this reduction in WPA 22,000 employable heads of families have been taken from the relief rolls.

The most encouraging sign obtained from this picture is that both trends have been steadily downward, showing that those persons who have left local relief have not been forced to apply to WPA. All indications are that they have been absorbed in private industry.

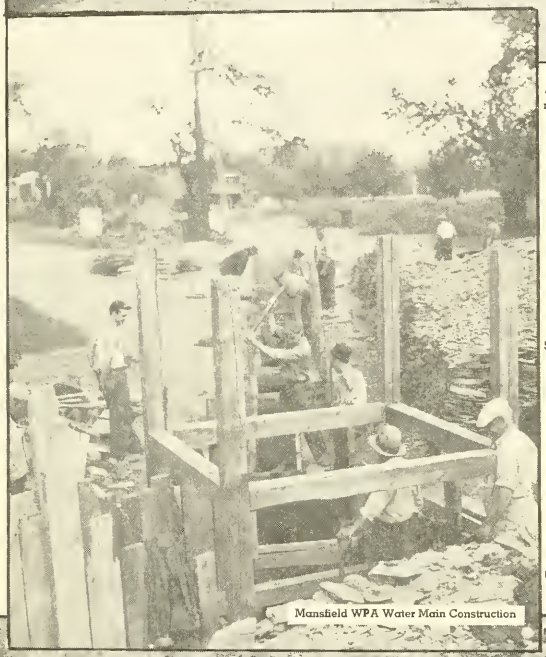
In April, six months ago, the peak of WPA employment was reached with 121,500 on the project payrolls. Despite a seasonal pickup in September present employment on WPA is but 103,000.

The constant check that is maintained by the WPA on relief conditions indicates that the upward trend in private employment shows a brighter horizon for the coming months than at any time in recent years.

The most encouraging indications along these lines are in the relief figures obtained by WPA statisticians from city and town officials, which show the largest decreases in welfare loads occurring in the large cities.

In Boston the number of employable family heads on the relief rolls has dropped since April, six months ago, from 16,341 to 11,573. Other large cities show comparable drops from April to October as follows: Cambridge from 3238 to 1646; Fall River 2908 to 2135, Lawrence 670 to 302, Lowell from 2353 to 1329, Lynn from 2335 to 1555, Medford from 1243 to 534, Pittsfield from 1148 to 526, Springfield from 2609 to 1934 and Worcester from 3692 to 2522.

Clinton WPA Pipe Line Construction

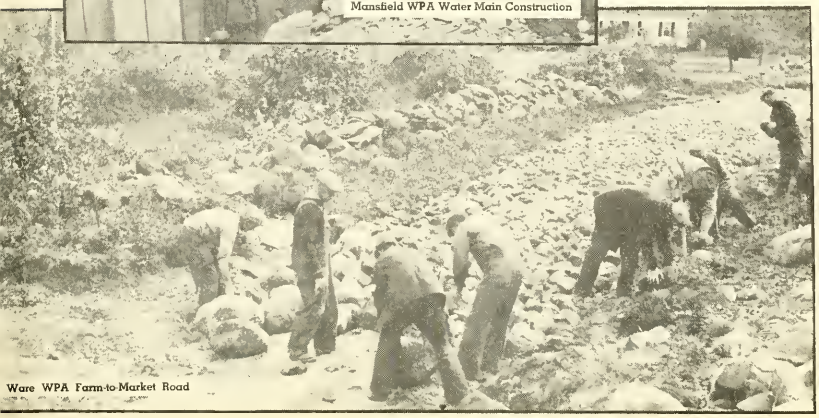


Mansfield WPA Water Main Construction

4. "Such projects leave work of permanent value to the communities wherein they are operated"

5. "Labor — backbone of construction work"

6. "Travel problems which lay deep within the ruts of country roads are being corrected"



Ware WPA Farm-to-Market Road

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Boston Fish Chowder

Millions of cans of chowder are prepared for
the Boston WPA Fish Chowder Project, Commonw

More than 100 persons taken from relief rolls a
purchases surplus fish from Boston fishermen.

This fish is cut, stripped and cooked in sanit
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the Surplus Commodities Division to

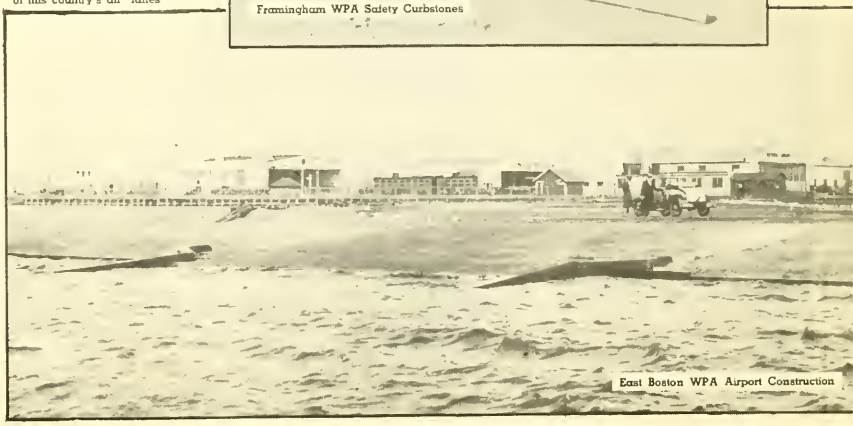
North Andover WPA Reservoir Project

1. "If such work be waste, health of a community is unnecessary"

2. "Curbing at the side of highways preserves the roads and prevents erosion"

3. "Airports are the stepping stones of this country's air lanes"

Framingham WPA Safety Curbstones



East Boston WPA Airport Construction

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THE CHURCHMAN, official organ of the Episcopal Church:

"It may be regarded by some as 'boondoggling', but we are greatly interested in the 'Survey of State and Local Historical Records' conducted by the WPA, which employs unemployed writers and statisticians in collecting and collating local historical records. Especially are we interested in their study of church records, some of which we have seen. We do not know just what use is to be made of the results of this investigation, but imagine that they will be filed for reference. If any denomination could afford to print in book-form the reports of its own churches, it would be an interesting and a useful volume, or set of volumes. The 'Church Records Form' records the date of the church's organization, its first minister, its interesting architectural features, and lists the minute-books, publications, or other documents in which its financial and other reports may be found."

LETTER BOX

Los Angeles, California
703 State Building
October 5, 1936

"Mr. Paul Edwards
Massachusetts Administrator, WPA
Boston, Massachusetts

"Dear Mr. Edwards:

"I am extremely interested in the pamphlet which has just come to us with reference to the Massachusetts silicosis project.

"I would appreciate at least seven or eight more copies of the pamphlet on silicosis if you can spare them. We need to do something of the same thing in California and possibly your experience may help us."

Very sincerely yours,

E. Tate Thompson,
Chief

Los Angeles Bureau, Dept. of Public Health, California."

William P. Husband, Jr., Directs Finance Division

William P. Husband, Jr., capable State Director of the Division of Finance and Statistics, is a certified public accountant.

He was born in Cambridge, educated in the public schools of that city, was a special student at Harvard University and graduated BBA from the College of Business Administration, Boston University.

Mr. Husband has been associated with private businesses in the field of accounting, finance and tax practice, has been a member of the Comptroller's Department of Harvard University; Finance Division of the U. S. Shipping Board and finance officer in a manufacturing and mercantile company.

During 1933 Mr. Husband visited several European countries representing a private mercantile agency.

He lives in Belmont, is married, and has one daughter.

William P. Husband, Jr.

New Truck Contracts

Intended to provide equality in the division of work and to distribute contracts as largely as possible among persons legitimately in the trucking business, Kendall P. Foster, state procurement officer of the WPA, has instituted a new procedure in the hiring of trucks for use on projects.

The new procedure provides that work be allotted by areas rather than by cities and towns. The state has been divided into 29 areas to accomplish this.

New contracts will become effective Nov. 2 and will be drawn for an eight month period ending June 30, 1937. Bidders are to be given an opportunity to prove they are regularly engaged in the trucking business. Applications will be made as of Oct. 22 and proposals must be filed before 10 o'clock on that date.

"It Can't Happen Here"

"It Can't Happen Here", eagerly awaited dramatization from the powerful novel of Sinclair Lewis, will be produced by the Massachusetts Federal Theatre Project Tuesday, October 27, in the Repertory Theatre, Boston.

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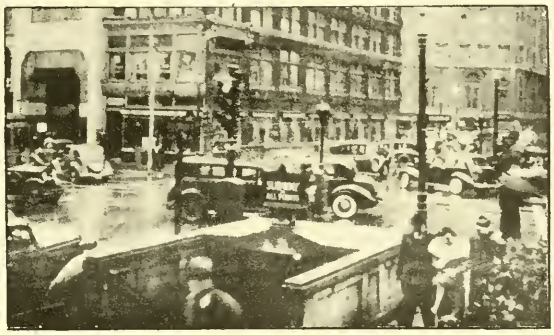
Massachusetts Traffic Problems

Traffic,-Pedestrian, Motor Vehicle, Trolley, Railroad, Airplane, Boat.

All present many problems crying out for solution so they can move quickly and efficiently without causing loss of life or injury.

Under present conditions we find:

Pedestrians killed, injured, struck down as they hike country roads, jaywalk city streets.



Traffic presenting modern problems

Autos jammed together in narrow, crowded places, bumping, colliding, damaging, wasting time and straining nerves of operators.

Trolley cars moving slowly through Metropolitan areas, stopping for passengers, slowing up progress of other traffic.

Railroad trains slowing up for crossings, whistling gates down, and still terrible crashes with autos crushed, mangled bodies hurtling to death.

Air traffic slowed up by fog, lack of sufficient emergency airports, direction signs, blind flying equipment and night landing lights.

Boat travel slowed in harbors and rivers by shallow channels, narrow shipping lanes, rotting hulks.

What has been done to solve these problems?

Safety Campaigns

Yes, safety campaigns have been undertaken, educational efforts pushed and laws passed to regulate the flow of traffic.

But, human nature being what it is, no amount of training seems to be great enough to eliminate accidents and still maintain quick flow of traffic so necessary in this modern world.

The only solution is to provide mechanical safeguards and improve traveling conditions.

It is this type of traffic aid to which the government work program has contributed.

To protect the pedestrian and insure quicker foot passage, sidewalks have been constructed along state highways and in many towns. Safety islands have been built in the larger cities.

In Boston, nearing completion is the Park Street Subway Project to relieve downtown traffic congestion.

Automobiles, trolleys and railroads have mutual problems.

Particularly for the automobile, however, WPA has improved hundreds of miles of roadway in the state, constructed new highways and straightened others so travel might be quicker and safer.

For railroad and automobile speed and safety, WPA has eliminated grade crossings, built overpasses and underpasses so they may cross each other with no possibility of collision.

For automobiles and trolley cars, WPA has recently approved construction of a great new subway link under Huntington Avenue, in Boston, so that the flow of automobile traffic from busy Charles Street south along the main arteries of Boylston Street and Huntington Avenue, may not be interrupted by trolleys.

Track Elimination

Elimination of the street car tracks from Charles Street to Mechanics Building will allow widening of the automobile passage space. Construction of the subway will allow beautification of the area, quicker travel time for automobile traffic on the surface, more rapid transit for trolleys under the ground.

To speed airplane travel and aid in the elimination of accidents, WPA has placed direction signs, throughout the state, constructed and improved airports, placed beacon lights for night landings, helped in the perfection of blind flying equipment.

W P
Athletic

Before: Gloucester Dumping Grounds

WPA Athletic Projects

He's away!

. . . a twisting, driving, plunging form asses the scrimmage line, swings his hips o shake off one tackler . . . a blocking back eatly spills another . . . the yards flash by —five-ten-fifteen . . . forced to the sidelines e stops suddenly . . . one pursuer is thrown ff balance . . . he twists, straight arms anther and races into the clear and down the ast few yards of turf to the goal and . . . OUCHDOWN . . .

King Football is thrilling more than a million Massachusetts people on several hunred athletic and recreation fields constructed r improved by the Work Relief Program.

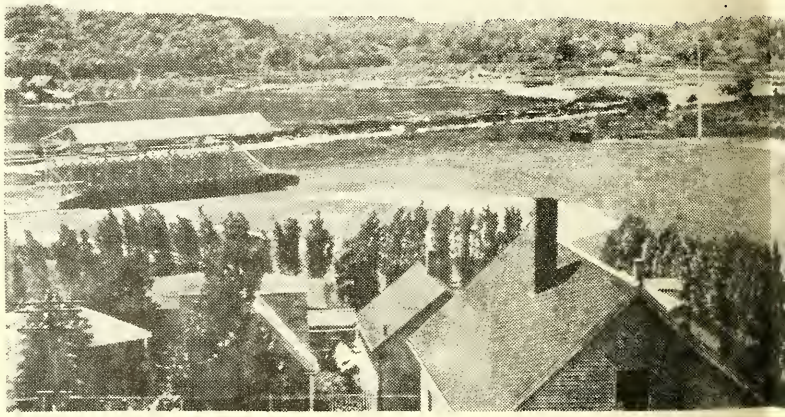
Thousands of boys and young men includng smartly garbed high school teams and oorly equipped neighborhood teams reguarly practice and play on these fields.

26 Projects

At present there are 26 projects in all secions of the state devoted exclusively to ootball. Projects include the new construcion of gridirons, fencing and improving xisting fields, erection of field houses and of ermanent and portable bleachers.

Boston, Quincy, Chelsea, Lexington, Daners, Weymouth, Everett, Framingham, New Bedford, Palmer, Lowell, Westfield and Springfield are a few of the communities in vhich the projects are operated.

In many of the smaller communities no thletic facilities existed previous to WPA.



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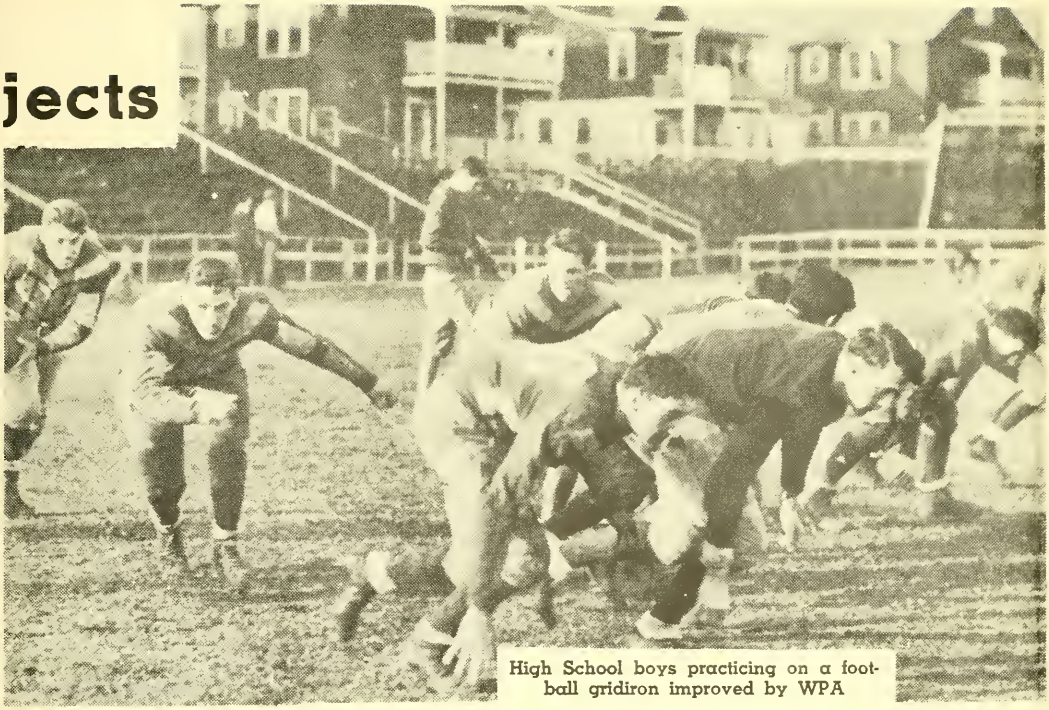
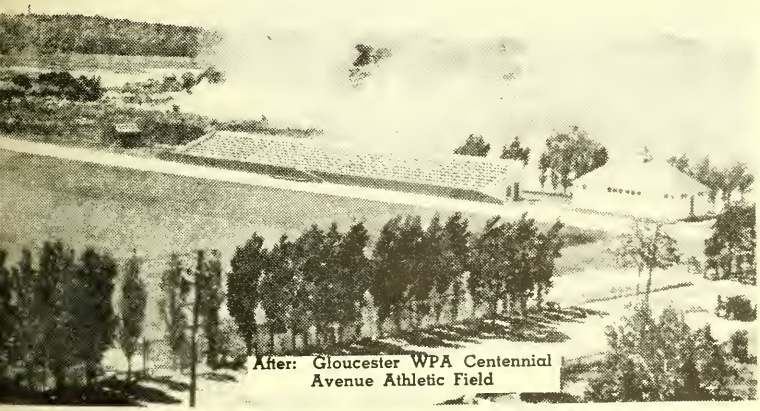


High School boys practicing on a football gridiron improved by WPA



After: Gloucester WPA Centennial Avenue Athletic Field

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Large areas of waste and swamp lands were drained, cleared, filled and graded for sport use and the shrill, healthy cries of youngsters in combat is ample evidence of the dividends these areas are paying.

Fields Regraded

In some sections unhealthy dumping grounds have been converted to sport use. In other sections existing fields were regraded, filled and softened so that chances of injury to players are lessened.

Besides giving youth of communities proper places for recreation these areas offer protection from crowded streets and swiftly moving traffic.

Athletic and recreation projects provide work for large groups of unskilled and skilled laborers. Many of the fields are laid out in the more remote sections of the communities and the improvements have tended to develop property values of these sections.

Sandlot Football

Any person who has ever played sandlot football knows of the unnecessary cuts, bruises and sprains caused by hard, unresisting fields, from glass, from cinders. Modern WPA fields are topped with springy turf which lessens chances of injury.

Modern field houses equipped with showers and other facilities greatly help in the conditioning of squads. New grandstands and bleachers provide for the comfort of spectators.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

Paul Edwards Mass. Administrator

Paul Edwards, Massachusetts Administrator, was born in Philadelphia, the son of James Crosby Edwards, an Edinburgh Scotsman.

His father was nationally active in Scottish-American affairs. Prior to his death he was President of the New York Caledonian Club.

Mr. Edwards' mother, Joanna Hackett Edwards, was born in Pennsylvania where her family had established residence since the immigration of her grandfather from Dublin, Ireland.

When six years old, Mr. Edwards enrolled in the Trinity Chapel Parochial School, New York City. A year later he joined the Boys' Choir and was a soloist of that unit until he was 15 years old. He graduated from the Parochial High School and entered the University of California to study for the Episcopal Ministry. During his stay in California he lived in the Rectory of the American Catholic Church, Hicks Street, San Francisco.

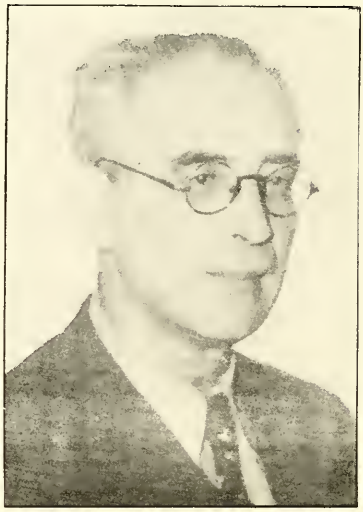
After several years of study Mr. Edwards decided on a business career. He took courses in Columbia University and Pace Institute, New York, where he specialized in accounting, law and business administration.

After leaving college Mr. Edwards held important posts with private businesses as a public accountant, industrial concern reorganizer, and financial consultant.

In 1934 Mr. Edwards was appointed by the Federal Government as Assistant Regional Examiner of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in New England. In February, 1935 he was appointed Regional Examiner and in August 1935 he was appointed Acting Administrator for the Maine ERA.

December 1935, Mr. Edwards was named Chief Regional Examiner and Assistant Field Representative for New York and the New England States, which position he held until his appointment to his present position in February 1936.

He lives in Brookline.



Dr. Nikolai Sokoloff.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

The Lynn Item:

With comparatively few citizens informed about it and even a lesser number having measurable appreciation of the high value of the work being done, a WPA project known as an engineering survey of the physical conditions of the City of Lynn as they are at present or have been the past year has made marked progress toward a complete job on all that has been undertaken to date. This work, if all the highly valuable data on charts and maps that have been worked out and recorded by as good engineering brains as can readily be assembled.

. . . The survey has worked out in map or chart form all the possible data about our water service, hydrants, sewer and water mains, traffic and parking problems and possibilities, location of fire department boxes as related to hydrant service, accident or hazard areas, tax exempt areas and properties and their valuation areas. There has been made a new key map of the City of Lynn that would cost the city hundreds of dollars and even thousands, we might say, if hired by direct engineering service. . . .

Federal Music Project

Dr. Nikolai Sokoloff, National Director of the Federal Music Project, will conduct an augmented orchestra of 125 musicians of the Boston Federal Music Project in a symphony concert at the Boston Opera House, Sunday evening, November 1st at 8.15 o'clock. Heinrich Gebhard, noted pianist, will be guest artist.

As director of the far-flung music project under government auspices, Dr. Sokoloff is responsible for a program in which more than 16,000 musicians are enrolled. He has seen this valuable program extend into 40 states, in large cities and in small towns.

His Boston concert will add another major city to the many he has already visited. He has been guest conductor for WPA orchestras in Chicago, St. Paul, Washington, Syracuse and many other key cities from coast to coast.

Popular prices will prevail at the Boston Opera House concert.

LETTER BOX

"Dear Sir:

"To whom it may concern a few words in regards to the nurses. I have found them very capable and human. They have been coming to my home as my husband is a semi-invalid. Also my son was very bad with a bad case of blood poison. With the quick foresight of the head nurse they saved him from losing his arm. My husband, son, also myself are very grateful for the treatment we have received.

"Respectfully,
(S) Mr. and Mrs. Keefe
and son Paul."
Haverhill, Mass.

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WPA White Collar Workers

From orchestral pits silenced with the advent of the talkies—

From variety and drama stages silent these many years—

From newspaper and publishing houses where forces have been skeletonized—

From clerical, technical, professional, service and artistic occupations the ranks of the white collared unemployed were recruited.

Years of study, years of training, years of sacrifice are represented by this body of highly trained men and women whose skills were wasting through idleness.

Something had to be done.

Something was done.

The Works Progress Administration has secured work for these skilled workers, work to which they have been trained, work where their skills are preserved and increased.

NO EASY TASK

This was not an easy task.

Projects do not just happen.

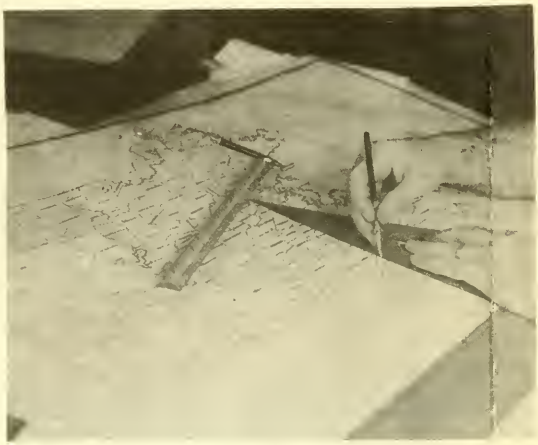
Projects have to be initiated. Care is taken in their selection. They must meet the approval of the communities in which they are to operate and must be passed by the Federal government.

The best minds in the local communities, the state and the government were concentrated on the selection of white collar projects which would be best suited for the individual talents of the unemployed—projects which would leave work of permanent value to the cities and towns.

UNEMPLOYED MUSICIANS

Unemployed musicians and members of all branches of the theatrical profession were employed on projects sponsored by the government.

State boards of health sponsored others, colleges and universities sponsored others. Some were sponsored by civic authorities.



SKILLS OF A PEOPLE

Skills of these people were utilized in a great variety of white collar work which in Massachusetts employs more than 15,000 people and includes:

Clerical projects: — Professional, technical, medical, dental, library, museum and planning.

Research and statistical projects employed trained workers in the highly specialized realm of scientific, social and historical research.

COMMUNITY SAFEGUARDED

Recreational experts, painters, sculpturers, arts and crafts workers, photographers, writers, nurses and numerous other highly trained specialists have been put to work on projects which are daily proving their worth.

Health of communities have been safeguarded. Cultural, educational, and creative efforts of these men and women are adding rich pages to the history of this state.

In times of emergency these white collar men and women have stood side by side with the skilled and unskilled labor members of WPA.

Massachusetts is proud of their work.

Edito

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WPA artist sketching in Gloucester Harbor

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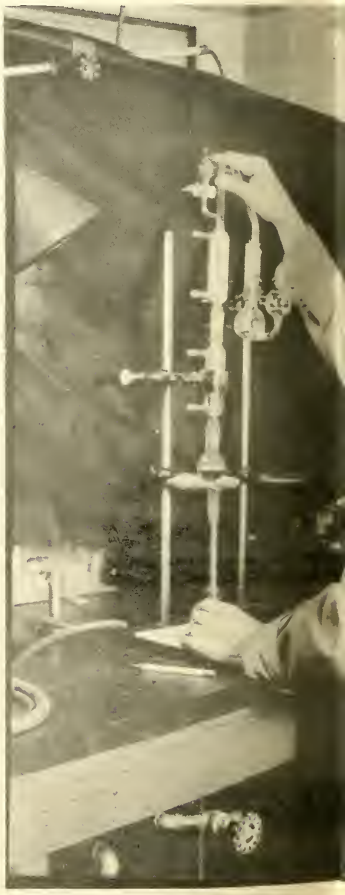

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

Foremen Are Discharged

During the past week Administrator Paul Edwards and other members of the administrative staff made unannounced visits to a large number of work projects and removed 11 foremen for allowing men to loaf on the job.

The administrator declared it is the responsibility of foremen to keep jobs going. He said it is not the fault of the men, but of the supervisors, when projects are not kept busy.

All the foremen dismissed were on roadside beautification and sidewalk work. During his inspection of projects Administrator Edwards visited many projects sponsored by cities and towns and found operations being carried on efficiently.

Hyde Park WPA Project Employs 1000 Workers

Construction of a six-lane WPA traffic highway in Hyde Park is now employing more than 1000 skilled and unskilled workers.

The State Department of Public Works is sponsoring the project which will be operated on double shifts as long as weather permits.

Also in Hyde Park a playground project is employing 600 men reclaiming an 11 acre tract off Wood Avenue.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Gloucester Times:

Engaged in painting a new mural decoration for the high school study hall, Frederick J. Mulhaupt finds that his long experience helps him, for one of the new panels depicts Samuel de-Champlain surveying Le Beauport in 1606 and he has previously looked into Champlain's career, notably when he painted a 34 by 14 foot mural, "Discovery of Lake Champlain, in the Chazy School of Agriculture, Chazy, N. Y.

Mr. Mulhaupt, perhaps the dean of Gloucester artists in point of long residence, is an associate member of the National Academy of Design (A.N.A.) and has had many important commissions during his career. He started in art in Kansas City, Mo. Inside the dome of the Kansas state capitol in Topeka, where Governor Alfred M. Landon has offices, are four large panels in which the arts and sciences are represented by seated figures nine feet high, that Mulhaupt painted some 35 years ago.

Among other outstanding works by Mulhaupt are decorations in the Memphis, Tenn., court house; a cyclorama 75 feet long of ancient Greece, in the Statler theatre, Cleveland, O.; cycloramas of the Johnstown and Galveston floods, at Coney Island; and a cyclorama of the shooting of President McKinley he created for the Buffalo World fair.

LETTER BOX

"Dear Sir:

"This the great effort of the WPA, a desperate distracted people, have once more gained a foothold on life.

"Only those having suffered the initial and physical strain of this terrible catastrophe can fully understand or appreciate the meaning thereof.

"WORKER OF PROJECT 166."

Notice to All Employees

To: All Administrative and Project Employees:

November 3, 1936, is not a legal holiday in this State. However, administrative employees wishing to take the day off can do so providing the time is charged to annual leave. A skeleton force in all offices must be retained.

Project employees wishing to take the day off may do so. They will be allowed to make up time so lost within the same payroll period.

PAUL EDWARDS,
Administrator.

New Project

Another project expected to start within a fortnight is installation of water connections to the extensive Old Harbor Federal Housing unit in South Boston. This project will afford employment to about 200 men.

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PAUL EDWARDS, State Administrator

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President Is Given Model

President Roosevelt, himself a builder of model boats, was presented a model of his 1936 vacation schooner Sewanna, by seven young boys, members of a Marblehead WPA Arts and Craft Class.

The presentation took place at a ceremony in his ancestral home in Hyde Park, the day after election.

The President was greatly pleased with the gift, saying: "I am proud to add this new model to my boat collection."

Marblehead Boys

George W. Grader, State Director of Recreation and Percy L. Martin, Supervisor of the Project, who were in charge of the party, said the model represented weeks of effort on the part of the Marblehead boys.

Each boy was presented to the President. He reminded them that he is a member of the Model Boat Club of America.

The boys are: Donald Hamson, Harry Christensen, Gibson Polley, Stanley Atkins and Edward Creighton, all 14 years of age, and Eugene Amerault and Robert Nichols, 13.

PRESIDENTIAL MODEL

Marblehead Arts and Crafts Recreation Class and model of Presidential Schooner Sewanna

Editorial

The sweeping vote of confidence given to President Roosevelt on November 3rd is, in part, a vote of confidence for the WPA. The WPA, its policies, its operations, and its personnel, was aired before the American people during the course of the campaign. The results of this airing and the results of the votes cast on November 3rd give a clean bill of health to the WPA.

This does not mean that there can be any cessation in everyone's efforts to correct mistakes which are necessarily made in the operation of a program of this size. All WPA workers — whether they be on projects or on the administrative staff — must work in close harmony to the end that the WPA in Massachusetts can be more and more efficiently operated and can be of a greater service to the people of Massachusetts.

WPA Winter Work Program

The problems of a winter work program were discussed by district directors and division heads during a meeting with Administrator Paul Edwards at state headquarters last week. Finding work during the cold weather and when snow is on the ground is much more difficult than in open weather, and all officials are now trying to work out suitable projects.

The meeting was given special significance by the unexpected presence of Aubrey Williams, deputy administrator of the national WPA, Ray C. Branion, field representative for New England and members of Mr. Branion's regional staff. Mr. Williams was in Boston for the purpose of addressing the Bost Teachers College.

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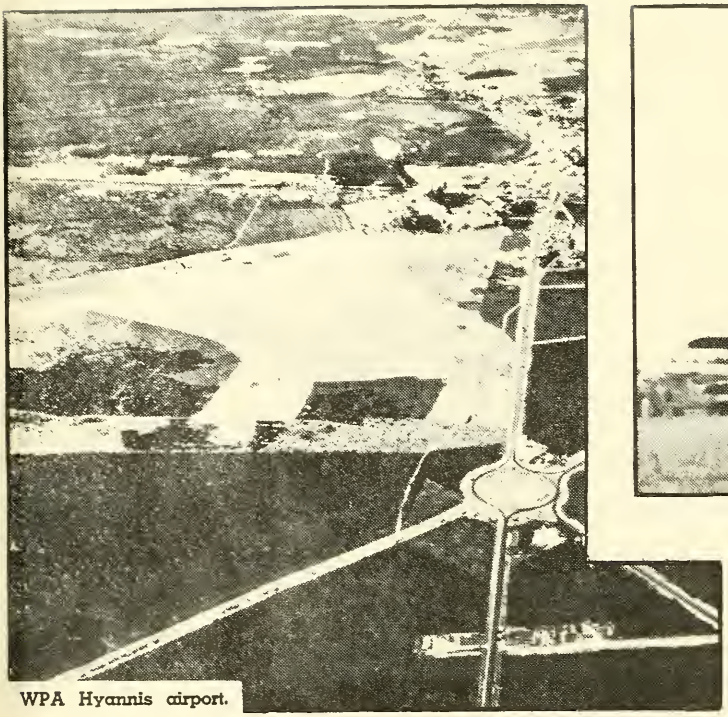

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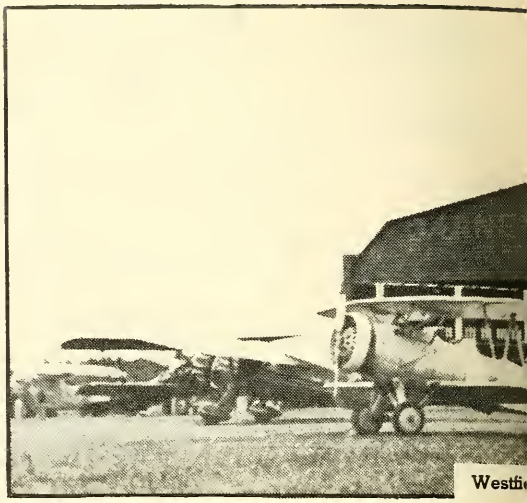

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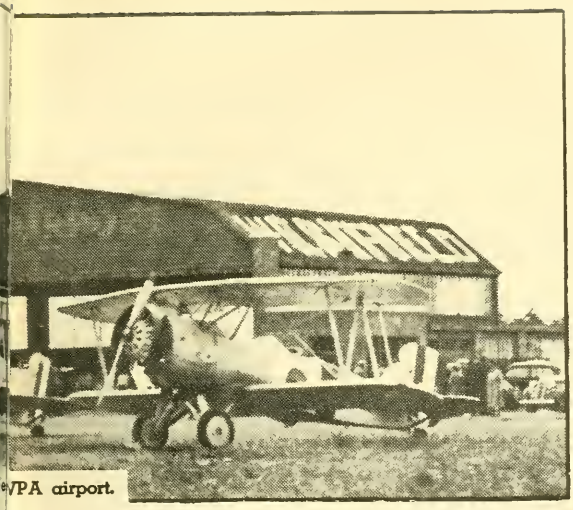

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WPA clearance of land at Montague for Franklin airport.

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Spring Flood Damage is Being Repaired

Serious spring flood damage caused to key cities and towns along the Connecticut River in Western Massachusetts is being repaired by the WPA.

Sea-walls and rip-rap work for the prevention of future damage are being built to resist the erosion of raging waters in flood time.

Thirteen projects are now in operation.

Cities and towns benefiting are: Hadley, Northampton, Montague, Hatfield, Northfield, Sunderland, Chicopee, West Springfield, South Hadley, Deerfield, Blanford, Brimfield and Westfield.

South Hadley has the largest project in operation—the construction of a large sea-wall along the east bank of the Connecticut River below the Holyoke dam. Majority of projects involve rip-rap work along the river bank, the building of dikes and retaining walls.

LETTER BOX

"Dear Mr. Edwards:

"I have just received your bulletin of October the twenty-sixth and I cannot refrain from writing to say that I think your inside spread showing the original dumping grounds, the football game, and a panorama of the athletic field at Centennial Avenue, Gloucester, is one of the most remarkable photographic histories for public information that I have seen. How fortunate it was that your photographer saw fit to get that first picture. It merits very wide-spread contemplation.

"Very respectfully yours,

ERNEST W. CORN,
Assistant State Administrator,
Division of Information Service,
Denver, Colorado."

WPA workmen leaving Worcester Bus Terminal at daybreak.

No Accidents Mar WPA Transport Records

More than 6000 WPA workers are transported to projects each day from key cities and towns of the state by a fleet of 250 busses.

Not a single accident has marred this traffic record which totals hundreds of thousands of passenger miles.

Carrier contracts are awarded low bidders in the various communities and 34 different companies are under contract.

Most of the projects to which workers are transported are in outlying sections where no transportation facilities exist.

Bus Equipment

All busses are equipped according to Massachusetts Safety Rulings and must pass Registry of Motor Vehicle and Department of Public Utilities requirements.

Exemplifying transportation methods of WPA, 1100 men and 40 busses leave the Worcester Mulberry Street terminal each day. Less than three-quarters of an hour is required to move this great body of men who are assigned to outlying projects in all sections of the Worcester district.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Worcester Sunday Telegram:

"Old Grimes of Hubbardston" will be the fourth sketch in the series of "Historical Highlights" to be presented over WTAG Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. by the Writers' Project of the Massachusetts Works Progress Administration. The dramatic sketches to be heard each Wednesday, have been written about colorful features and unusual aspects of local history uncovered by writers employed in compiling the Massachusetts section of the "American Guide." The next sketch concerns the exploits of "Old Eph Grimes" who lived in Hubbardston during the Revolutionary period. Well known throughout the whole of Worcester County during his devil-may-care lifetime, the pranks of "Old Grimes" are preserved in a large collection of legends which have served as the basis for the radio drama. The cast for the sketch comprises workers employed by the Massachusetts Works Progress Administration under the direction of William J. Crawford, supervisor for the Federal Drama and Recreational Projects."

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Survey To Determine Need of Workers

A survey of the present needs of all persons employed on WPA projects has been ordered by State Administrator Paul Edwards.

Trained employes have been assigned to make this survey as quickly as possible to make sure that every person working is really in need of a WPA job.

This survey will cause no hardship to needy workers entitled to remain on the rolls.

Economic Conditions

If the improved economic conditions of a worker make it no longer necessary for him to hold a WPA job, it is manifestly unfair to retain him on the WPA rolls when there are other more needy persons vainly seeking employment.

The purpose of the survey is to assure those that need relief through work that they will be put in a position to obtain such work.

The official notification sent to certifying agencies follows:

TO: ALL CERTIFYING AGENCIES

Gentlemen:

On advice from the Federal Works Progress Administrator, we are today initiating an investigation into the needs of all certified persons on WPA project payrolls.

Under the provisions of the Emergency Relief Appproprion Act of 1936, the responsibility of certifying persons as to need was given to the local public certifying agencies. It has been shown that the majority of the towns and cities were not adequately equipped to make the investigation of all persons on WPA projects.

To facilitate the completion of this investigation, we are attaching trained investigators to our staff. We intend to make this complete investigation within six weeks.

This in no way will alter the responsibility of the local certifying agencies to certify new applicants to our offices. The results of this investigation will be available to all local certifying agencies.

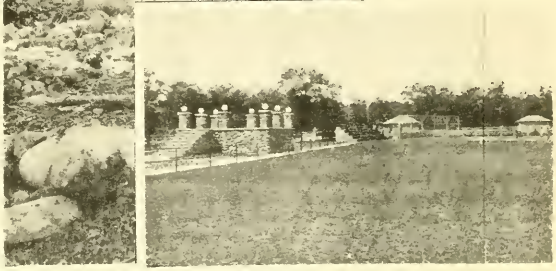
We expect your co-operation in this task.

Very truly yours,

Paul Edwards

Mansfield Memorial Park

Left: Mansfield Park three years ago.



Right: Mansfield Memorial Park, dedicated Armistice Day, an 18 acre recreational center developed under the Work Relief Program, completed under WPA.

Thanksgiving Pay for WPA Workers

All WPA workers who would normally be paid on Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, will receive their checks not later than Wednesday, November 25.

The working period for this payroll would normally end on Monday, November 23, but in order to make the completion of the payroll possible for payment on Wednesday, work schedules have to be rearranged so that full time will have been completed two work days earlier than scheduled. As each person is entitled to his full schedule time within the payroll period, project schedules have been adjusted to permit such work.

In the administrative offices supervisors of finance and time control workers have been instructed to see that this schedule is followed. Administrative employees are required to work overtime, if necessary, in order that all payrolls for periods regularly ending up to November 23 will be delivered to the Treasury Accounts office not later than November 21.

Payoffs usually made on Thursday, November 26, will be made either on location of the project or at convenient pre-determined pay offices. Sufficient paymasters will be made available to see that all checks normally due on Thanksgiving Day will be disbursed as early as possible on November 25.

Massachusetts WPA

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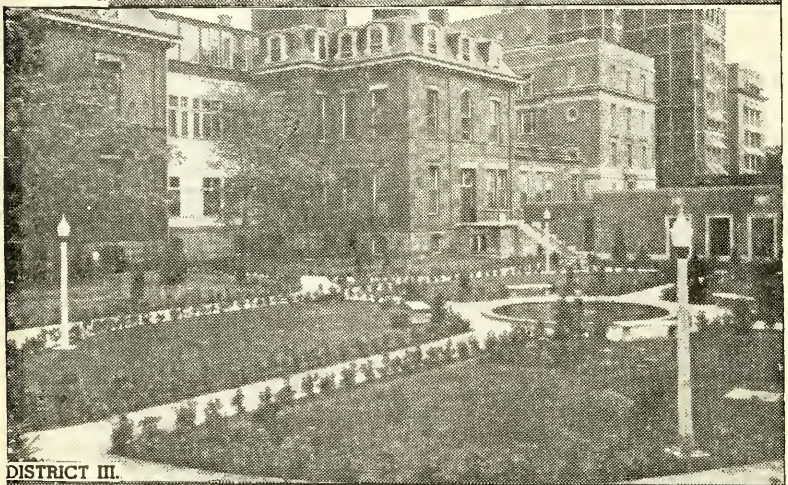

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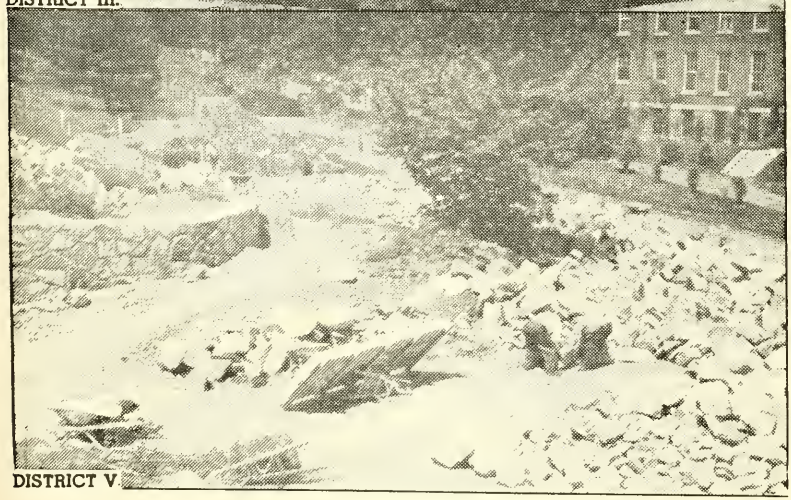

DISTRICT V.

DISTRICT I.—Hale Hospital, Haverhill, where WPA masonry, carpentry, heating, electrical, plastering, painting and tile work was done.

DISTRICT III.—Hundreds of men were given work and extensive WPA construction and improvement work has benefited Boston City Hospital. This new park in rear of Administration Building was built by WPA.

DISTRICT V.—WPA workmen erecting foundation of new bacteriological laboratory, Belmont Hospital, Worcester.

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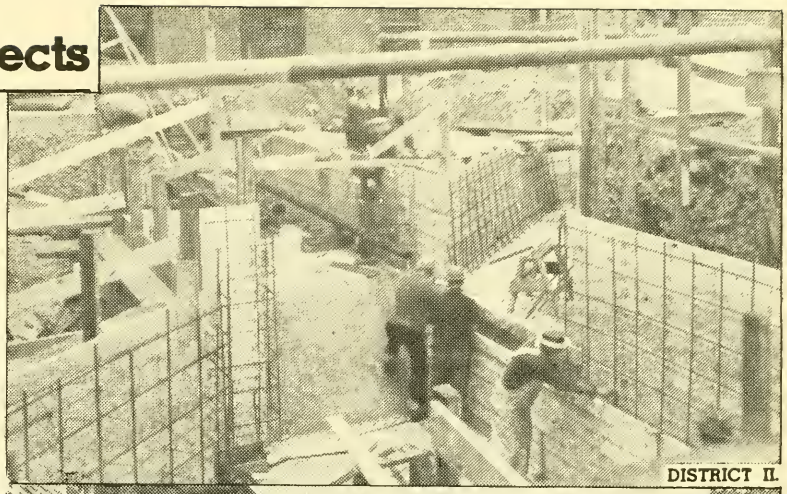

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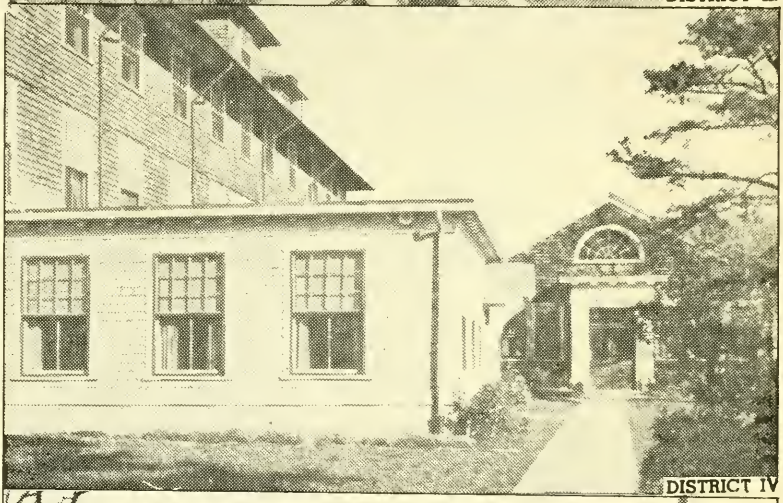

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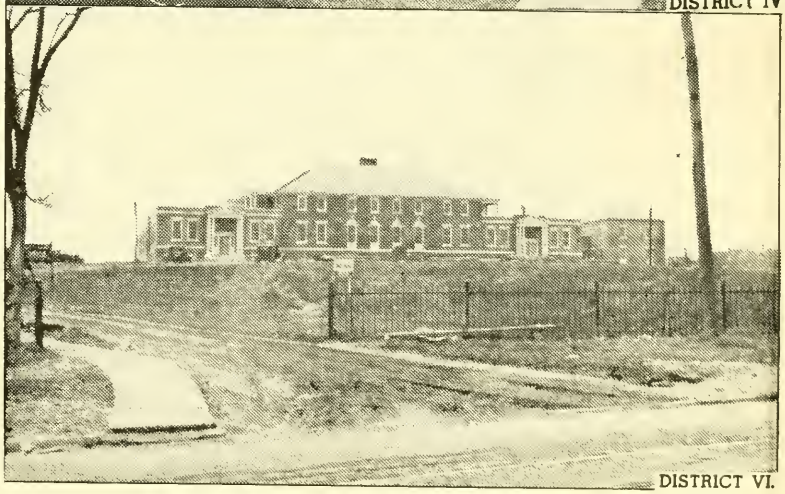

DISTRICT VI.

DISTRICT II.—At the Naval Hospital, Chelsea, a WPA heating unit was constructed—part of extensive WPA modernization, improvement and repairs to grounds and building.

DISTRICT IV.—Modern WPA addition to Lakeville State Sanitorium dining rooms.

DISTRICT VI.—New Chicopee City Infirmary—a WPA building which has employed hundreds of men and will accommodate 160 patients.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

No Snow Removal Projects To Be Considered by WPA

The removal of snow from roads, streets, sidewalks and highways, is part of the maintenance problem that must be met by local governments. It is not a WPA function, and in consequence, there will be no snow removal work by WPA this winter. Work projects providing for such removal will not be considered under the Works program.

Where a shortage of labor for snow removal exists in any community the appropriate public agency in that community may request the use of WPA workers. Such workers may be made available for this work, provided the wages are paid by the local community. Workers so employed for a temporary period shall be permitted to return to their WPA jobs upon the termination of the snow removal work.

In cases where there is a shortage of trucks in any community for snow removal trucks which are rented to the WPA may be released temporarily from their contracts to be used for that purpose; the rental to be paid by the public agency which is charged with the snow removal.

Fitchburg WPA Photography Class

One of the many interesting phases of the Fitchburg WPA Recreation Project is the organization of amateur photographers who meet weekly in the office of the Park Commission.

Included in the club are people from all walks of life. Some of the work turned out has been described by newspaper photographers as excellent and on Sunday, November 8, the "Worcester Telegram" reproduced several in a full page feature article.

The park commission has given a darkroom to the picture-makers, allows them to use its camera on special occasions and offers every possible aid.

LETTER BOX

"Dear Sir:

"Ever since the inception of the WPA Music Teaching Project we have been constantly confronted with the problem of supplying music lessons to all those underprivileged boys and girls who, due to lack of financial means, could not further or begin a musical education. In order to give such instruction with the least possible expense to the pupils, we are constantly engaged in securing locations for the purpose of teaching in churches, schools, Legion Posts, Settlement houses and many other civic organizations. By doing so, we have saved thousands of pupils and families on relief, the expense of carfare to whom an item so small constitutes a big expense.

"With the popularity of the Music Teachers' Project increasing, we are reaching a point where more locations are imperative to enable us to take care of the throngs of pupils that constantly come to this office seeking assistance for a musical education.

"Would it be possible for you to make a plea through your Bulletin which reaches so many cities and towns, and ask public-spirited citizens to come to our aid in helping us to secure locations with pianos, for a few days a week between the hours of 3:00 and 7:00 P.M., and on Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., where the children may come in to receive music instruction.

"Our immediate concern is in places like Dorchester, Revere and Everett, where hundreds and hundreds of pupils cannot be assigned due to lack of studios.

"Any assistance you could give us by publishing this article would be greatly appreciated.

"Sincerely yours,

"Music Teachers' Project."

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Mansfield News and Foxboro Times

Mansfield's new athletic park is one of the products of the colossal public works improvement program inaugurated three years ago by President Roosevelt. Developed slowly by the hand labor of crews ranging from 25 to 100 men, it is still incomplete in several features, and its exact cost is an unknown quantity. Conservatively the Federal Government has spent $100,000 and this municipality has probably paid $7,500 as its share since the construction became a CWA project early in December of 1933.

The envy of all out-of-town visitors who inspect the 18-acre plant, the park has been the subject of many critical comments from opponents of the Federal administration, while it is a source of great pleasure to an increasing band of sports followers who recognize that the park fills the need for public recreational facilities.

Regardless of the viewpoint Mansfield has an athletic layout second to none in this section, and acknowledged by the press of all Bristol county to be the most extensive and best developed tract of its type hereabout.

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Col. McDonough New Administrator

Col. McDonough

Lieut.-Col. John J. McDonough, of Boston, director of the WPA Division of Employment during the past year, formerly Chief Inspector of the State Department of Labor and Industries, has been appointed Massachusetts WPA Administrator to succeed Paul Edwards.

The appointment, effective December 1, was made by National WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, who selected Col. McDonough after reviewing his experience in Labor problems, which cover more than a quarter of a century.

Col. McDonough was associated with the State Department of Labor and Industries for 20 years. He was formerly State Compliance Director of the NRA and at one time held administrative positions in the Construction Department and the Water Department of the City of Boston.

He served as a private with the American Army at the Mexican Border in 1914, enlisted in the World War and was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant. He has retained his interests in military affairs and was recently promoted to the high office of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Quartermaster Reserve Corps, United States Army.

He has established an enviable reputation both in this State and Washington as a soldier, lawyer and labor relations expert.

Mayors Vote for WPA Continuation

Mayors of 125 principal cities of the United States met in their fifth annual convention in Washington last week.

Because these Mayors are actively conducting the affairs of our largest cities, they are thoroughly familiar with the problems to be faced in meeting the relief needs of the nation.

With this knowledge, the convention declared itself firmly of the belief that the Works Progress Administration provides the American way of meeting the relief needs. The Mayors voted unanimously to seek continuation of the WPA.

They also voted to place a petition before President Roosevelt and Congress to take appropriate action to carry on the program.

In the principal address to the Convention, Harry L. Hopkins, National WPA Administrator, warned the country that the problem of unemployment must still be met.

While reviewing the background and some of the causes of unemployment, he urged that the country become more intelligently informed about the problem of unemployment.

In closing his address the Administrator said:

"Unemployment has an economic as well as a human aspect. Beyond what we owe to the unemployed, we owe it to our national economy to make the maximum use of the energies which millions of unemployed are now compelled to waste.

"The American nation cannot go forward to the heights of economic well-being on which it has a right to live unless its man-power is used. The conservation of our human resources should be our guiding principle. It is of greater importance, even, than the conservation of our physical resources. Indeed, the former will automatically include the latter.

"We in the WPA recognize that it is not enough merely to provide the able-bodied unemployed with jobs at security wages. That is the emergency phase of our task.

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Paul Edwards Is Promoted

In recognition of the splendid service he has performed in conducting the WPA in Massachusetts, Washington has promoted State Administrator Paul Edwards to the important executive position of Chief Examiner for the National WPA at Washington.

Mr. Edwards has been Administrator of the WPA in this State since last February. He succeeded Arthur G. Rotch, who resigned. Previous to his appointment he was Acting ERA Administrator of Maine and chief regional examiner for the WPA in New England. Before entering the Government service he was employed as an accountant, industrial concern reorganizer, and financial consultant.

Mr. Edwards

The editors of the Works Progress Bulletin speaking for administrative and project workers wish Mr. Edwards continued success in his official duties in Washington. Mr. Edwards was extremely able, hard working and conscientious. His fine work in this state will long be remembered. He has won the admiration of Massachusetts citizenry because of his splendid administrative ability.

The editors welcome the new Administrator on behalf of all WPA employees. We feel sure that we speak for Mr. Edwards and all employes in expressing our pleasure in the appointment of a man of Colonel McDonough's proven ability.

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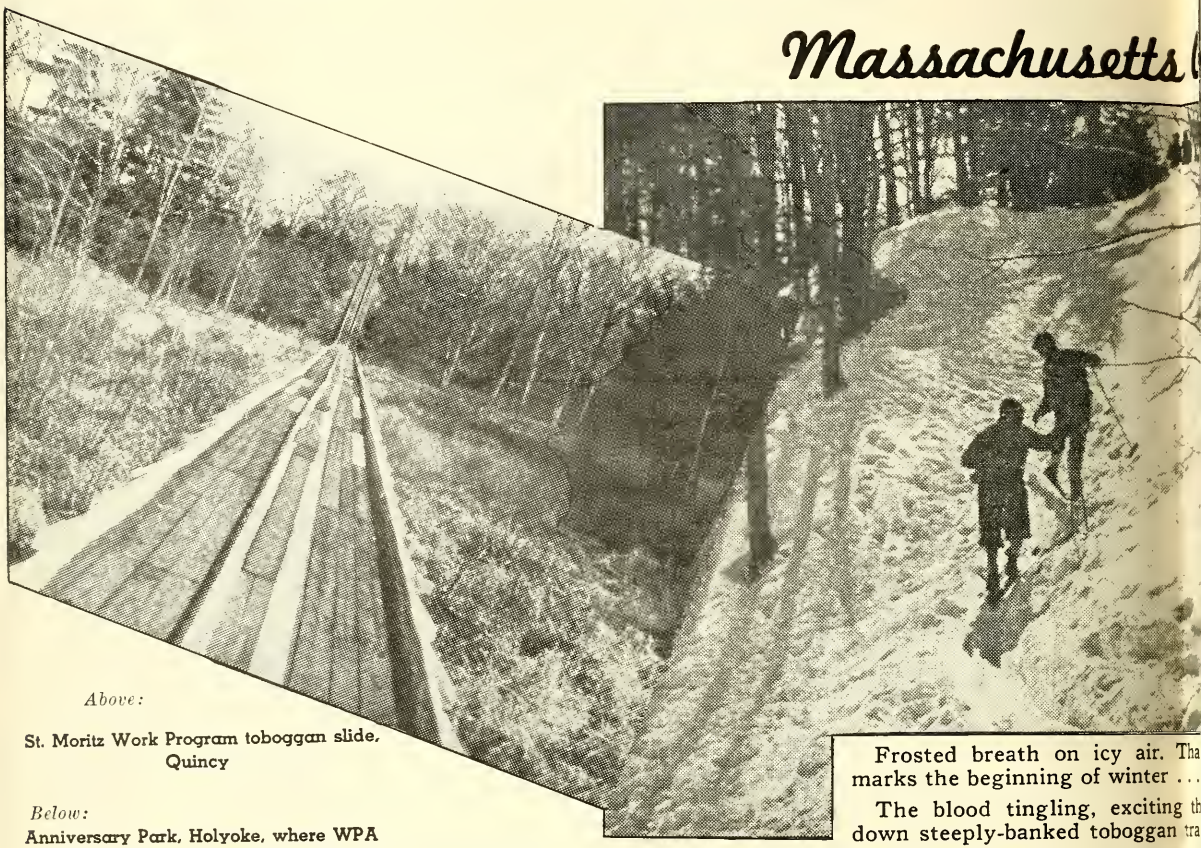

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St. Moritz Work Program toboggan slide, Quincy

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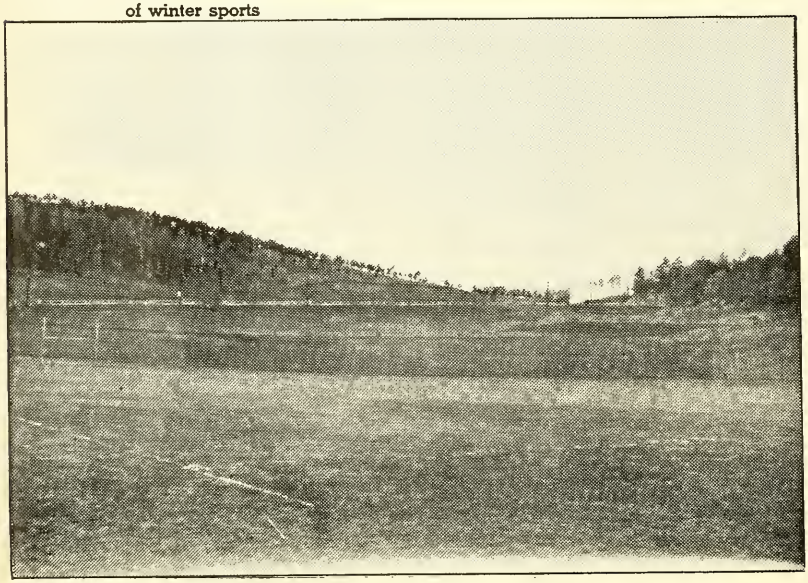
Anniversary Park, Holyoke, where WPA projects have prepared for a wide variety of winter sports



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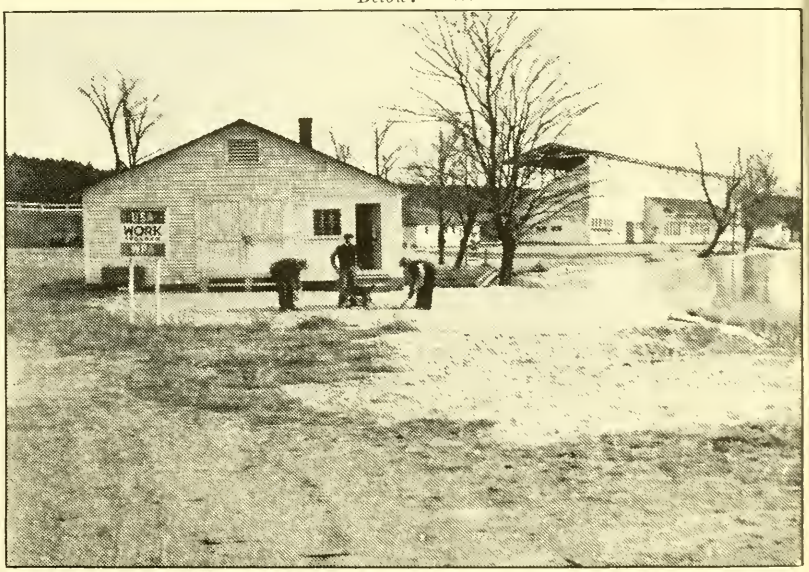

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Boston Traveler:

From Haverhill comes a story of a man who was suing for injuries received in an automobile accident. Counsel asked him if it were not true that he had hurt himself while working on the WPA. The witness is quoted as having answered:

"Who ever strained himself as a WPA worker?"

Even the judge, says the dispatch, smiled broadly while silencing laughter in the court.

Funny, isn't it? Perhaps it's funny, too, to learn that not only have men been injured on WPA work; they have been killed. Yes, and they have done work beyond the limits of their strength. They have waded in icy waters. They have worked while insufficiently clad, frequently in snow and with nothing but cardboard between their feet and the ground, cardboard used to cover the holes in their shoes. We have seen it.

Funny, isn't it? Let's laugh.

You hear guff about men leaning on shovels. Yes, we have seen men leaning on shovels. They were waiting for a truck to come. Critics would have them keep on shoveling, even if only from one pile to another. We have seen men lying down while others worked. Yes, literally lying down. But we were not content to sneer and pass by. We stopped and asked how come. And we learned the truth; that these particular men were not supposed to be working that day, that they had come to the job because it was payday, to get their $12 or $13 a week.

Your newspapers blew the lid off the WPA some months ago for working girls as sweatshops work them, and Administrator Edwards instantly did something about it. We were present at the dressing-down he gave the over-zealous director of the work.

It is about time the cheap sneers against WPA workers ended.

The Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts extends Thanksgiving Greetings to all WPA Employees

Paul Edwards

125 Mayors Vote for WPA Continuation

(Continued from Page One)

"Now it is passing, and we move into the reconstruction phase. Our aim will be to supply to industry as many physically strong, mentally alert, skilled workers as we can. We believe that will prove to be one of the most effective ways of reducing the relief rolls to a minimum.

"We ought to be able to go steadily forward to an ever-rising standard of living, but in the meantime we must be realistic about it. The Federal Government cannot refuse responsibility for providing jobs to those whom private industry does not hire.

"I am sure America will win this fight where other nations have failed. It will win because it has the brains and the wealth and the leadership."

LETTER BOX

"Dear Mr. Edwards:

"In the 'Springfield' enumeration of your WPA Bulletin you might well have included the "Chestnut Street Improvement" approved, via the City and State course, by the President at Washington the latter part of February this year, and just completed. It excels in its conspicuous traffic and civic merits the 'Fire House' paving approach that you cite; and at cost of $20,000 plus land value of Dr. F. B. Sweet's land gift off his protruding front lawn embankment and antique wood fencing,—a dangerous curve down-hill, now transformed into a safe straightaway; architectural pilastered cement cast retaining wall crowned by adorning iron fencing; and easing of grade for road and sidewalks.

"For traffic safety and convenience, and civic attractiveness which it perfects in this sector redeemed from its one "horse-and-buggy age" feature now modernized, this urban instance of WPA improvement receives general public admiration at Harrison Av. head.

"Yours faithfully,

"ALBERT W. COBB,
"Architect."

Philip Palmer Receives National Symphony Job

Philip Palmer, familiar to followers of the State WPA Symphony Orchestra as first French Horn player has been appointed to the same position in the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, D.C.

Mr. Palmer, who is 27 years old, has been a member of the State Symphony Orchestra since its formation 2 years ago.

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COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH, State Administrator

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Drive To Cut Overhead Costs

To assure an even larger distribution of the Federal relief appropriation to the project worker, the Works Progress Administration is reducing overhead costs of the WPA in Massachusetts.

The present cost of administration of the work program for this state is 4.1% of the total expenditures, a figure among the lowest in the United States. But even this low figure must be reduced to give a larger part of each dollar spent to wages for the project worker.

The drive to cut down overhead costs is being carried out along three distinct lines.

Greater Efficiency

First, through a simplification of administrative procedures and a consolidation of departments, resulting in a saving in material, rental and other costs. These changes for greater efficiency naturally brought with them a reduction in the number of administrative workers.

Reduction in the number of non-relief workers and elimination from the payroll of persons no longer needing WPA aid, is the second phase of the drive. Wherever possible, certified needy persons are being placed in administrative positions. A force of highly trained investigators is checking the entire state to determine which workers no longer qualify for WPA jobs, so they may be dropped.

Washington Authorities

The third method being employed to cut down overhead costs and give a larger percentage of the Federal funds to project workers has been ordered by Washington authorities. This will require local communities to bear a larger part of the cost for materials, equipment and other non-labor expenses involved in the running of WPA work projects.

The larger the proportion of non-labor costs borne by the local communities, the greater the percentage of Federal money that will be available for wages.

Combination of these activities will make for a more efficient and workable WPA, with the largest possible proportion of Congressional relief appropriations going to the needy workers.

South Boston Strike Settled

Construction of the Government's $5,000,000 Housing project in South Boston has been resumed as a result of settlement of the strike, reached during a conference of federal and municipal officials with labor union leaders at State WPA headquarters.

The union men employed on the PWA project, under which the buildings are being constructed, went on strike in protest against use of non-union WPA men on a project installing sewer and water mains throughout the area. The union claimed their men should be given this work.

As a result of the conference it was agreed by all concerned:

1. That the scale of wages of 62½c an hour for common laborers engaged in the work on installation of sewer and water mains is correct.
2. That the operation will be worked on the basis of a maximum of 130 hours a month.
3. That both Colonel Sullivan and Colonel McDonough agreed that they will give preference and that union labor of all crafts will be employed on the sewer and water main installations and that additional labor will be placed on the job as it qualifies according to WPA rules and regulations.
4. That on all cases where caisson work is done in advance of the main sewer trench, it is agreed that the workers be paid caisson workers' rate from the surface to the ground.
   In all cases where caissons are driven after the main trench work is excavated, caisson work applies from the bottom of the trench.

WPA repaving of Broadway, Chelsea

Col. McDonough Assumes Office

Col. McDonough

The Works Progress Bulletin, representing all administrative and project workers of WPA in Massachusetts, welcomes the new State Administrator, Lt. Col. John J. McDonough, of Boston.

Col. McDonough brings to the administration a splendid record of achievement, a record of service to his city, state and government, extending over the last 25 years.

Hard working, capable and industrious, Col. McDonough has made the problems of the working man and woman his life study and work.

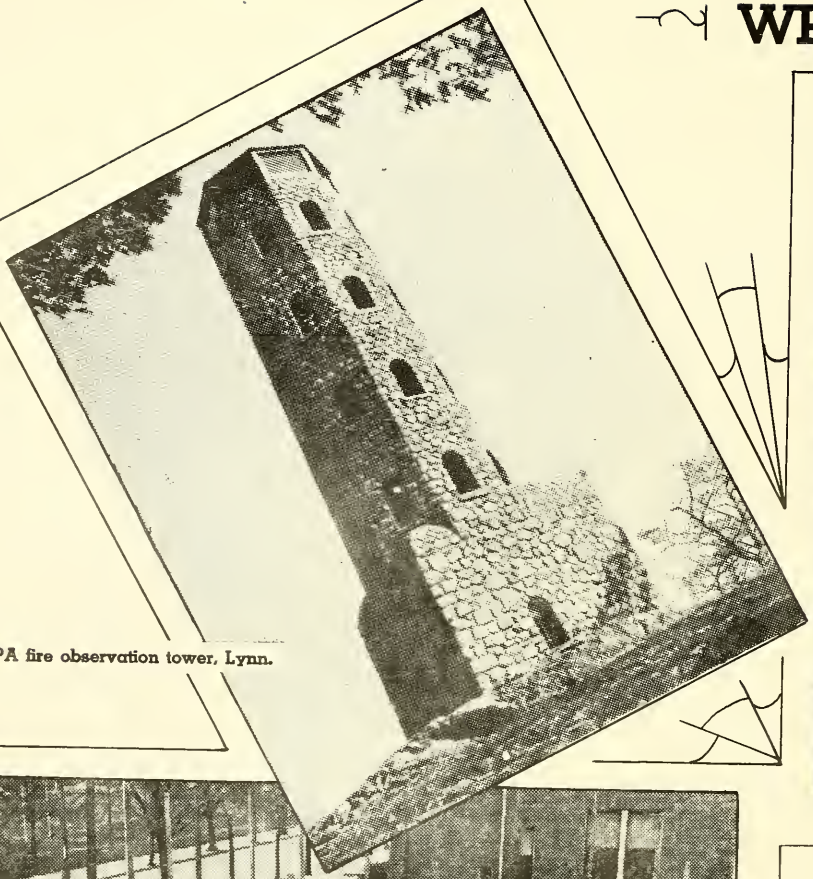
As Director of the WPA Division of Employment for the year preceding his new appointment he was constantly in touch with labor and labor problems and has a thorough understanding of the need of those men and women who are without private employment.

He has been a keen student of local, national and international affairs and is a lawyer with degrees of Bachelor of Law and Master of Law.

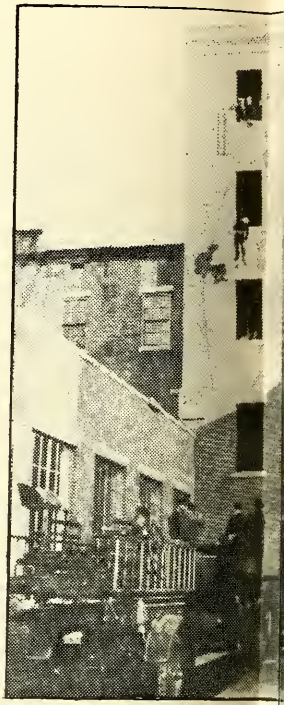
His reputation as a labor relations expert is known in labor circles throughout the country.

Massachusetts is fortunate in obtaining a man of Col. McDonough's proven ability as its WPA Administrator.

WPA Fire Prev



WPA fire observation tower, Lynn.



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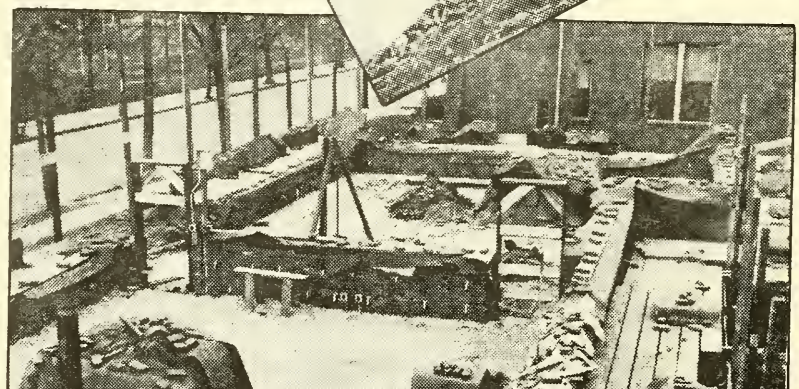

Fire Alarm Signal Station, Everett.

Fire Prev

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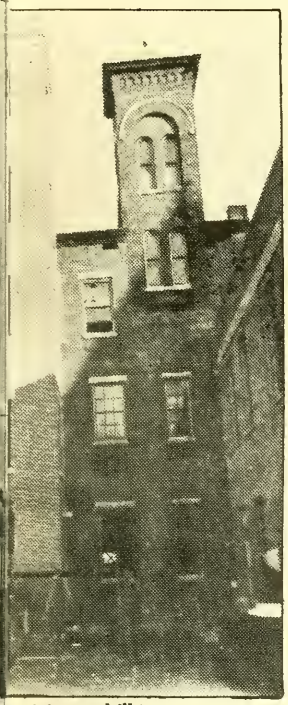

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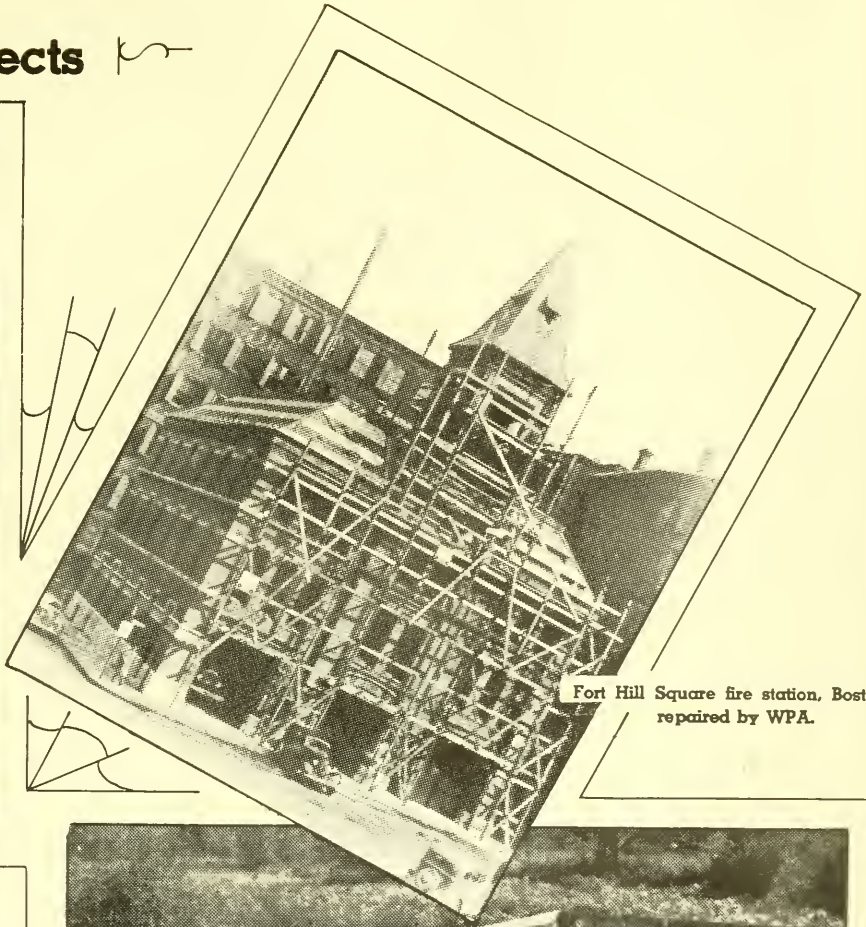

Fort Hill Square fire station, Boston, repaired by WPA.

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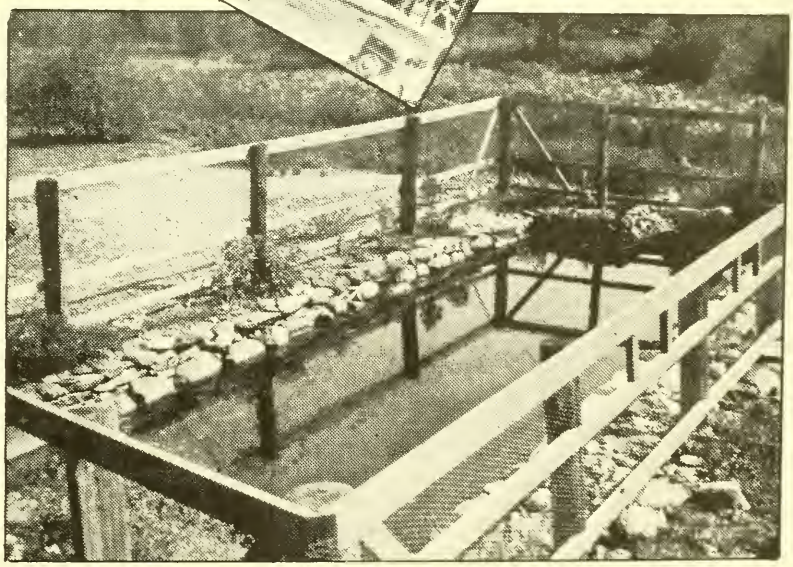

Billerica WPA water hole fire fighting protection for 25 farms.

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WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

Editor Traveler:

The WPA has functioned for 10 months only (prior to it we had the CWA and the ERA). Some of its accomplishments are as follows, taking the nation as a whole:

130,000 miles of farm-to-market roads, 6201 schools built or improved, 4000 drought, flood and other conservation works, 550 airports built or improved, 2500 water systems installed or improved, 5000 sewerage systems built or extended, 5700 parks, playgrounds and recreational centers established or improved; 5000 public buildings improved or built; millions of garments have been made and distributed free to the poor and needy through the sewing projects.

The WPA's major achievement, however, is that the millions of dollars of wages received by WPA employes is spent almost immediately for food, clothing, shelter, light, fuel and other necessities of life. These millions revert to all types of manufacturing industries, farmers, wholesalers and retailers, thus enabling them, in their turn, to retain and increase their payrolls and number of employes.

In conclusion: Those who are fortunately employed in private industry and those who work for the WPA should, indeed, be grateful for President Roosevelt's WPA employment program.

ROBERT M. GALLANT.

Boston.

WPA Renovation of State Armories

For the first time since construction more than a quarter of a century ago, extensive repairs have been started by WPA on state armories in Lynn, Gloucester and Salem. The structures house several units of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Oldest of the armories is that in Lynn, constructed thirty-two years ago, now housing two companies of engineers, battalion commander, and battery of field artillery. The armory in Salem was built twenty-seven years ago, houses four battalions of field artillery, the regimental commander's quarters, medical detachment and a broadcasting station.

WPA Work In Progress

WPA workmen preparing to dynamite tree, Blue Hill Road, Sunderland street work

WPA workers excavating for curbstones, Union Avenue Sidewalk, Framingham

Worcester Grade School Renovated by WPA

Quinsigamond Grade School, which has accommodated four generations of Worcester children, has been renovated by WPA.

Typical of WPA school repair and improvement projects conducted in all sections of the state, Quinsigamond School's woodwork, walls and floors have been repaired, refinished and painted, sanitary conditions have been improved, new lockers have been built, a new chimney was erected and a modern heating system installed.

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Park Street Subway Job Is Completed by WPA

Construction of the new pedestrian tunnel from Park St. subway station under Tremont St., recently completed as a WPA work project, is considered by authorities a remarkable piece of engineering work.

Three shafts were sunk from the various passenger platforms in the subway to a central passageway, which leads under two sets of tracks, runs below Tremont St. and comes up in two entrances on either side of Temple Place.

Hundreds of thousands of subway users from every section of the Metropolitan area are now using this valuable underpass to reach downtown Boston without the necessity of crossing over traffic congested Tremont St.

Also included in the construction work was erection of a new 435-foot platform, which makes it easier to load and unload street cars during the rush hours. These features are bringing long sought conveniences to subway passengers.

All Types of Labor

More than 500 men, representing many types of skilled and craft workers, were employed in the construction of the subway addition. Involved in the construction were difficult technical problems, such as performing the work without interfering with regular passenger traffic, boring a tunnel and rearranging public service lines without disturbing regular gas and light usage and digging under one of the main streets of the city.

Among the types of workers employed on the project were tile workers, cement finishers, structural iron workers, carpenters, electricians, crane operators, other specially skilled construction workers and a large number of common laborers.

The project is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished by WPA workers. The construction work was supervised by Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, Boston WPA director, who is also chairman of the Boston Transit Commission. The tunnel and subway addition have been turned over to the Boston Elevated Railway Company for operation.

Completed WPA Boston Park Street Transfer Station, Temple Place entrance and exit.

Christmas Pay For Workers

WPA project payrolls which fall due on Christmas and the following day will be paid on Thursday, Dec. 24, according to plans now being arranged by State headquarters officials.

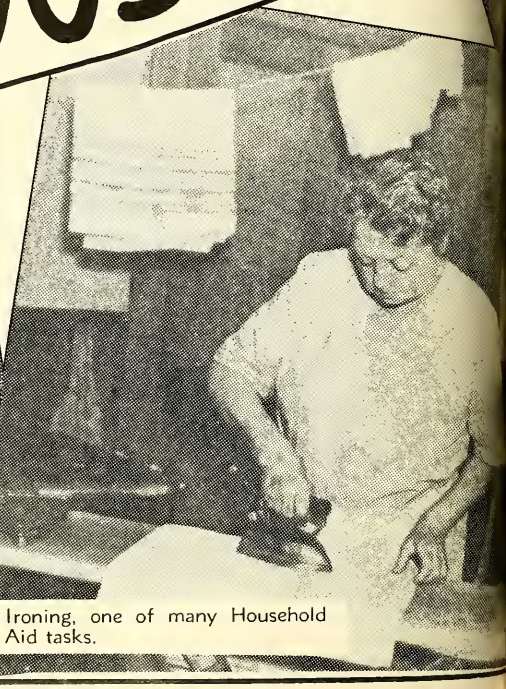
Arrangements are also being made so that payrolls which come due on New Years and the following day will be paid on the preceding Thursday. Rearrangement of work schedules is necessary to accomplish these pre-holiday payments and workers will be permitted to complete their required number of working hours so they may have their pay for the holidays.

WPA Household Aid Worker caring for mother and new born child.

Caring for children.

WPA HOUSEHOL

Sterilizing sick-bed sheets.



Ironing, one of many Household Aid tasks.

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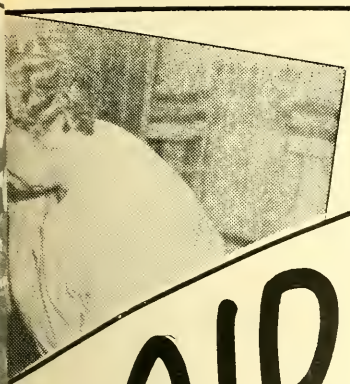

Household Aid lunch time in the home of an ill mother.

Washing away play dirt.

WPA Household Aid Projects

Money cannot buy treatment given needy of Massachusetts by the WPA Household Aid Projects and patients are not determined by color, creed, race or class.

NEED determines aid to be given afflicted in time of accident, sickness or disability.

When need is established, competent, trained household workers take charge of families.

These workers prepare meals, dress, wash and clothe children, wash clothing, do household cleaning and care for the sick if conditions do not demand the presence of a trained nurse.

WPA employs 267 household workers who are active in 25 Massachusetts cities and towns and treat more than 550 families each month.

Household workers are taken from local relief rolls and given an extensive course of training and instruction before allowed to go on cases.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

Bulletin Issued Semi-Monthly

As a result of the drive to cut down overhead costs in operation of the Massachusetts WPA, it has been decided that from now on the Works Progress Bulletin will be issued twice each month instead of weekly.

State WPA officials are determined that as large a proportion as possible of every relief dollar available shall be disbursed to needy workers throughout Massachusetts. In order to accomplish this aim economies are being effected throughout the entire administrative organization and the cost of issuing the Bulletin is being reduced.

Feeling, however, that WPA workers should be furnished with authoritative information directly from the administrator's office, directors of the Works Progress Administration have decided to retain the Bulletin as a semi-monthly means of disseminating information about the program.

More space will be devoted to discussion of policies and changes in program. It is hoped that a greater exchange of ideas between the administration and the workers can be obtained through these pages.

Timber Cutters Are Employed by WPA

Expert woodsmen employed by the WPA are saving money for the government and the city of Fitchburg.

These men cut and trim timber, haul the logs to a portable WPA sawmill, saw the wood into various building sizes, stack it to dry and store it for use in various construction projects.

Classes at Boston WPA Continuation School.

WPA Opportunity School Starts Its Winter Season

The WPA Opportunity School for Adults, 25 Warrenton Street, Boston, opened its winter season, September 28, with an enrollment of 1022 pupils.

Classes are held daily from Monday to Friday at 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Registration is accepted anytime during the year. Anyone 16 years to 75 years of age may register.

Forty-two WPA teachers instruct 60 different subjects in academic, cultural, commercial, industrial and homemaking courses.

Commercial subjects are the most popular with more than 50 per cent of the students attending classes in commercial art, advertising, salesmanship, bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting and office machine work.

This Project is sponsored by the State Department of Education and the Boston School Committee.

What They Say About Us

Brockton Enterprise:

A Man Finds a Pocketbook

One more of the simple annals of the poor, the incident that put John J. Nixon's name in the paper. He is a WPA worker, which means an average wage of about $14 a week. Walking home at night, thinking of Thanksgiving, of Christmas, he found a pocketbook, in it $239. Drama in the raw, there; inherent honesty against the spur of necessity. But Nixon put aside the temptation of what the money would buy for his five children. Somebody had lost it; his part to find the owner, that's all.

The owner graciously rewarded him. Thanksgiving dinner at the Nixons' will be the traditional feast. And a WPA worker walks upright, as he always did, his conscience clean, the honor of his obscure house unblemished.

There's clear, pure flame to the incident. It's a candle to light the way through times seemingly out of joint, and especially the way of all who are honestly trying to make the simple annals of the poor a bit brighter through greater security in employment, better wages, assurance of support when their working days are over.

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Mr. Bresnahan

LAWRENCE J. BRESNAHAN EMPLOYMENT DIRECTOR

Lawrence J. Bresnahan has been appointed Director of the Division of Employment, Massachusetts WPA.

He succeeds Lt. Col. John J. McDonough, recently appointed Massachusetts Works Progress Administrator.

Mr. Bresnahan, an industrial engineer by profession, had been assistant director of the Employment Division since September. He had previously been Supervisor of Employment and Labor Relations in District 4 with headquarters in Fall River.

He is a graduate of the Boston Latin School, St. Laurent College and Niagara University. He served in the navy during the World War and is a past commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts.

Mr. Bresnahan was long associated in private business as a member of a large rubber concern. For three years he was chairman of the Medway Board of Selectmen. He is a member of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, of the Benevolent Order of Elks and was the first secretary to the Massachusetts Racing Commission.

He lives in Medway, Mass.

Federal Art Projects Boston Exhibition

An exhibition of oil paintings by the Federal Art Project of the Works Progress Administration is being conducted through January 9, at the Federal Art Gallery, 50 Beacon Street, Boston.

The exhibition which opened December 16 is open to the general public.

WPA APPEAL BOARDS TO BE ESTABLISHED

Administrator McDonough has devised a comprehensive system of appeal boards so that any person whose certification of relief status has been cancelled may apply for a hearing on his case.

In a letter to district directors, the administrator says: "The purpose of creating these boards is so that any worker, whose certification has been cancelled, will have the right to appeal to a board before which he can state his case and be assured of a formal and impartial hearing."

The boards are to be established in as many cities and towns as possible according to the following instructions from Col. McDonough:

TO ALL DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

(*a*) It is to be understood that this is to be an unpaid board and that it will be comprised of one member of Labor; one member who is familiar with Welfare matters and these two to select some mutually agreed upon person as Chairman.

(*b*) As soon as any board is established, the local Supervisor of the Employment Division should be notified immediately so that he can produce hearings.

(*c*) You should make arrangements for a suitable meeting place for the board meetings. The hearings are to be open only to interested parties.

(*d*) The person who is appealing should make a formal written request for a hearing.

(*e*) The hearing should be held at the earliest possible moment.

(*f*) The workers should be entitled to be present at the hearing and if necessary, have any representative from a labor organization or an attorney. At the same hearing, the person who made the investigation and the supervisor should be present to testify as to the facts found in the case.

(*g*) All evidence in the case should be presented and any witness or witnesses should not be compelled to testify in the same manner as in a court case but they should be allowed to present the facts without being confined to technical rules of evidence.

(*h*) All papers and other pertinent information should be available for the hearing but I can conceive of some cases where the source of the information might not be disclosed.

(*i*) The local office should furnish the necessary clerical help.

(*j*) The Board should meet as often as necessary and hear as many cases as possible so that there will be a minimum of time elapse between the date of the request for a hearing and the date of the hearing.

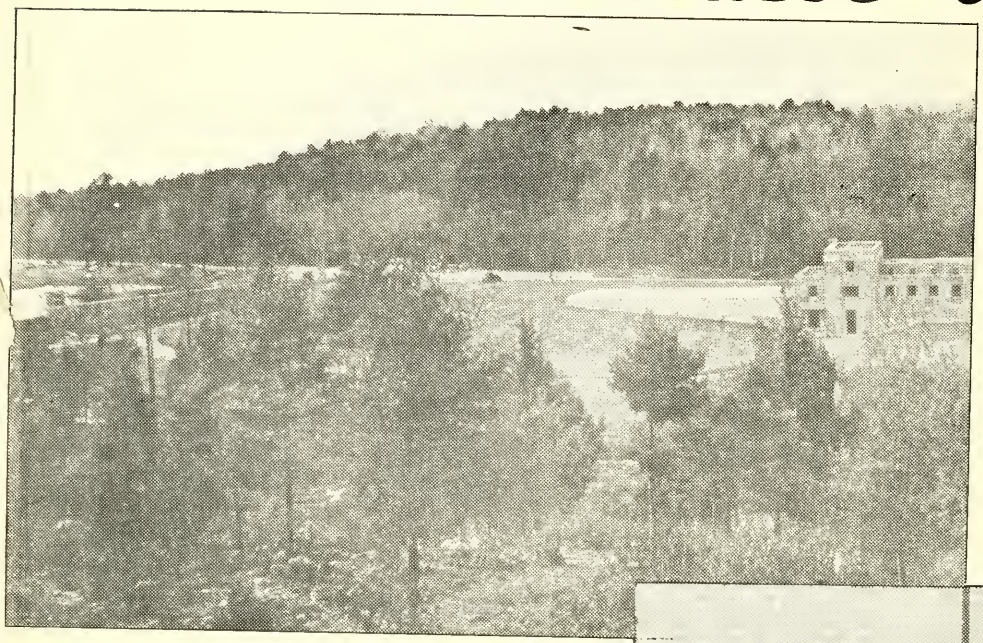
(*k*) A quorum will consist of the full board — three members.

(*l*) The case should be decided by the majority vote of the board and our offices should be guided by the recommendation of the board.

(*m*) A definite report should be made in each case of the salient facts and should be signed by the full board or majority of the board.

JOHN J. McDONOUGH,
Administrator.

Leominster WPA



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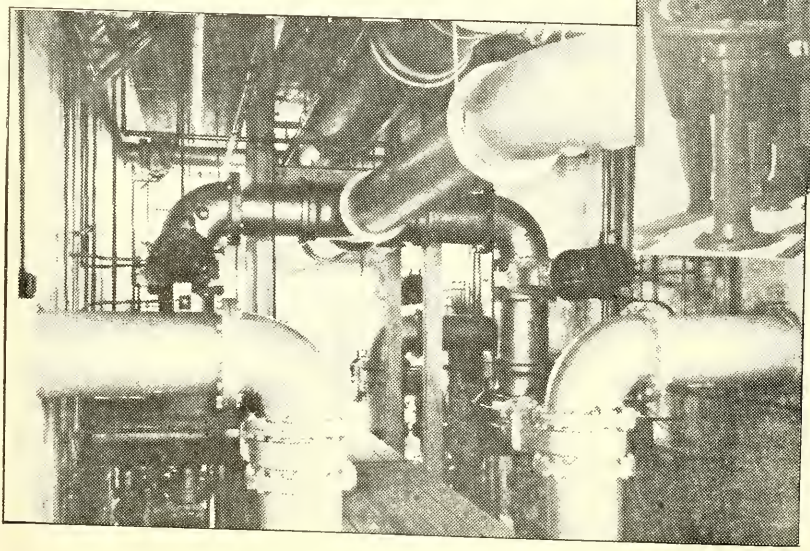

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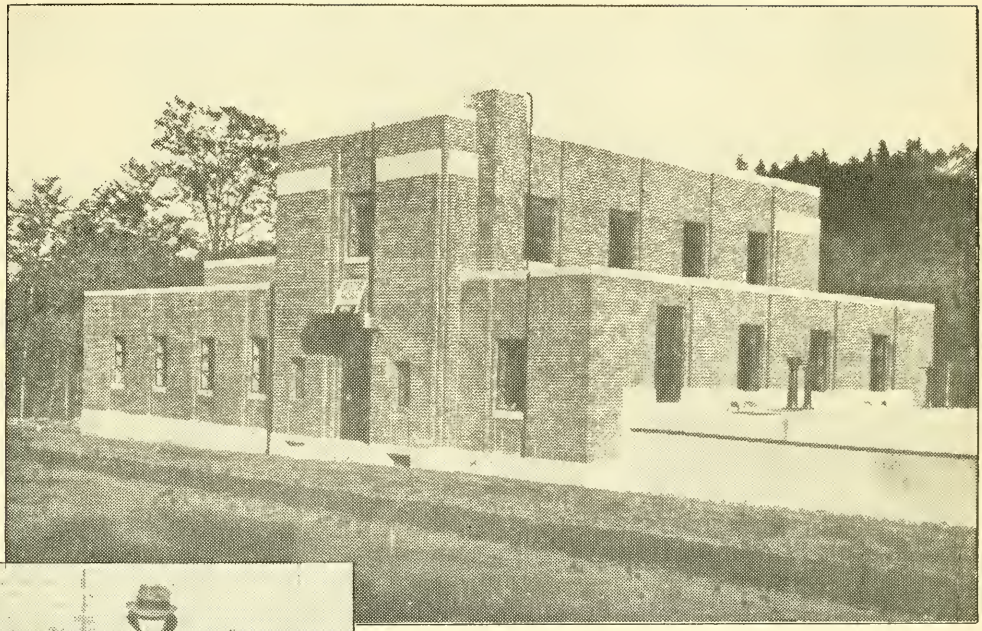

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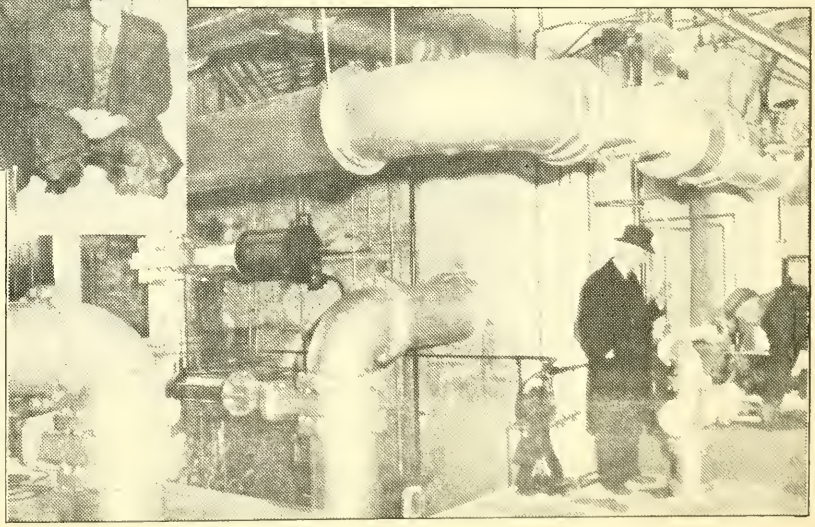

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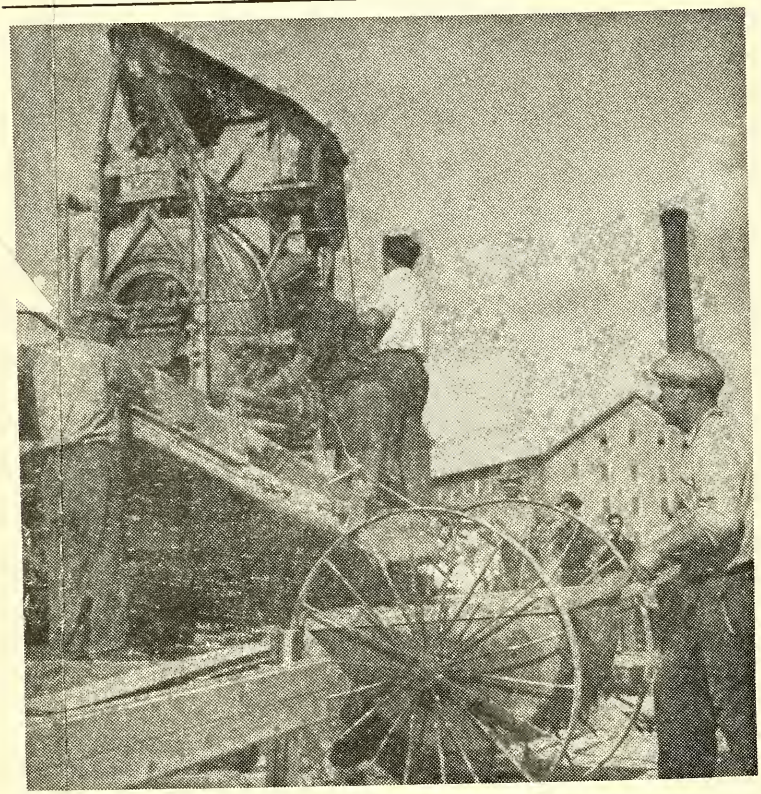

WORK IN PROGRESS

Letter Box

"The District Engineer
Customhouse
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: Dredging Boston Harbor
40' channel

"Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of October 13th regarding laying off of men, I wish to advise you we have today taken our dredge BRISTOL off this job but we are keeping all the men we have on it.

"We expect our dredge DELVER will be finished about the 20th of December with its work on this job. We expect to keep all the men on this dredge.

"I am happy to say that the men we received from the WPA office have been satisfactory and we see no reason for making any changes in our personnel.

"Yours truly,

J. S. PACKARD DREDGING COMPANY.
A. C. Burrage, Jr.,
President.

"Dear Sir:

"We have completed the installation of sanitary sewers in Euclid Avenue, Fells Road, and Hillcrest Parkway.

"The work performed by the WPA men has been very satisfactory. The total cost of the work including the material, tools, etc. furnished by the Town and the labor furnished by the WPA compares very favorably with the construction costs performed by hand labor employed by the Town.

"The installation of these sewers has brought into the market some very desirable house lots. The increase in taxable property from buildings and land abutting these sewers amounts to over $100,000.

"Your supervision engineer has handled this work very efficiently.

"Yours respectfully,

Water & Sewer Board,
Edmund C. Sanderson,
Chairman,
Town of Winchester."

What They Say About Us

Newburyport Daily News:

WRITES IN DEFENSE OF WPA WORKERS

To the Editor of the News:—As we drive about our streets and beaches, I think all citizens are pleased with the improvements done by WPA workers. Human nature is the same everywhere, and in all lines of work there are grafters, but as a whole these WPA workers are hard working, loyal men. Many of them, along in years, never handled a pick and shovel previously, so this sort of labor must be very hard, but necessity makes them work in new lines.

We have only to think what the WPA men did when our water works were threatened to see what we owe to brawn and muscle. Surely this was patriotic service. When we criticize WPA men, we who could not use a pick or a shovel, even to keep from starving, let us stop and remember the deed done at our water works, to which we all may owe our present good health.

If we begrudge them moments of rest as they work, let us take their place for a while and get a proper view point. We will take off our hats to these hard workers, who are honest and paying their bills as best they can. None of them has a proper abundance of strengthening food, as do many who call them loafers.

Let us think twice before we judge the mass by the few. This rule holds in all walks of life.

CITIZEN.

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COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH, State Administrator

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Mr. Mack

Administrative Recent Changes

David K. Niles, of Boston, National Director of the WPA Information Service, former Massachusetts Assistant Administrator and Director of Labor Relations, has been appointed Assistant National Administrator in charge of Labor Relations. Mr. Niles will continue to act as National Information Service Director.

William P. Husband, Jr., resigned his position as Massachusetts WPA Director of the Division of Finance and Statistics to accept an appointment from Gov. Hurley as Massachusetts Banking Commissioner. Judging from his ability as WPA finance director the State House should be congratulated on drafting his experienced and able services.

Leonard L. Gallagher resigned his position as State Director of the Federal Theatre Project to re-enter the private theatrical field.

Mr. Gallagher is succeeded by Jon B. Mack, State Director of the Federal Theatre Project in New Hampshire. Mr. Mack will be state director of the two states.

Mr. Mack is a Boston man who has had 35 years' experience in the theatre as actor, director, manager and theatre owner. From 1916 to 1928 he owned and operated the Auditorium Theatre, Lynn and the Empire Theatre, Salem. He is married and has three children.

Local Authorities Appraise WPA Program Backed by Civic Bodies

Massachusetts has officially endorsed the WPA Program.

This fact was proven by answers to a questionnaire recently sent officials throughout the state by Administrator McDonough.

These questions were:

1. Do the unemployed want work or the dole? 97.28 percent favored work.
2. Are we doing useful work under the WPA program? 97.01 answered yes.
3. Is there useful work yet to be done under a continued WPA program? 98.33 answered yes.

Two hundred and twenty cities and towns, representing nearly two-thirds of all communities in the Commonwealth, replied to the questionnaire and of this number 206 were unanimously in favor of WPA. Only 14 answers were not unanimously favorable and of this lot no city or town was wholly unfavorable to WPA.

It is interesting to note that the persons most enthusiastic about the WPA program were those people who are closely connected with the working and operations of the program in their communities. Mayors, selectmen, public welfare heads, town treasurers and city councillors so expressed themselves.

Further indications were seen in the messages of incoming Mayors of our larger cities.

Inaugural Addresses

The work of the WPA in Massachusetts was a subject of the major portions of many of the Inaugural addresses of the Mayors of our larger cities. In these accounts of last year's administration the Mayors gave detailed report on the work of the WPA in their cities. It was interesting to note the pride which these Mayors take in the work accomplished.

In discussing the 1936 tax rate, the expenditure of Federal monies in these cities was credited as the principal reason for keeping these tax rates from mounting to staggering figures. Without the WPA they stated that their welfare costs would have driven local tax rates to prohibitive heights.

Many of the Mayors reported to their constituents that there was much work to be done in their city by WPA; that they had made careful plans for WPA work during the coming year.

Both this questionnaire and the reports of the Mayors in their Inaugural addresses conform with the country-wide tendency of municipal officials requesting the continuance of this program.

Old Fire "Steamer" Powers Canning Project

Fifteen or 20 years ago one of the most thrilling spectacles on the American scene was the silver plated, smoke-spouting, thunderously clanging, fire department "steamer" used to generate water pressure.

Drawn by galloping horses, the "steamer" attracted as much attention as the fire to which it was being rushed.

Motorized equipment and modern pumping apparatus spelled the doom of the "steamer", which was relegated to the junk heap, forgotten corners, and memory.

In Blackstone, WPA and town authorities reached into the past, reclaimed an old "steamer" once used by the town fire department and set it up to generate steam pressure for the operation of the Blackstone Canning Project.

The project is located in an old-fashioned, one-room, wooden, former school house which was without steam power facilities. The "steamer" has been housed in a shed outside the building and furnishes all cooking pressure for the canning of 1500 cans of vegetables weekly.

Twenty-two local people are employed on the project which furnishes food commodities that are distributed to the needy of Blackstone and Millville.

The engineer in charge of the "steamer" doesn't feel that the modern work of the apparatus is a tremendous let-down from the exciting work of the old days. He says:

"The canning of food for the poor is not spectacular but will anybody deny it is as important as fire fighting."

He added: "Besides these steam pipes running into the canning room could be disconnected in a few minutes and the old 'snorter' would be ready for any fire fighting job."

After looking over the heavy and capable equipment the observer could do nothing but nod his head in agreement.

Federal Opera To Be Presented Next Month

So successful were the WPA Operas presented last summer that William Haddon, director of the federal music program, has planned another series of productions next month.

The week of February 2, modern versions of "Jack and the Bean Stalk" and "Pagliacci," will be presented at the Boston Opera House.

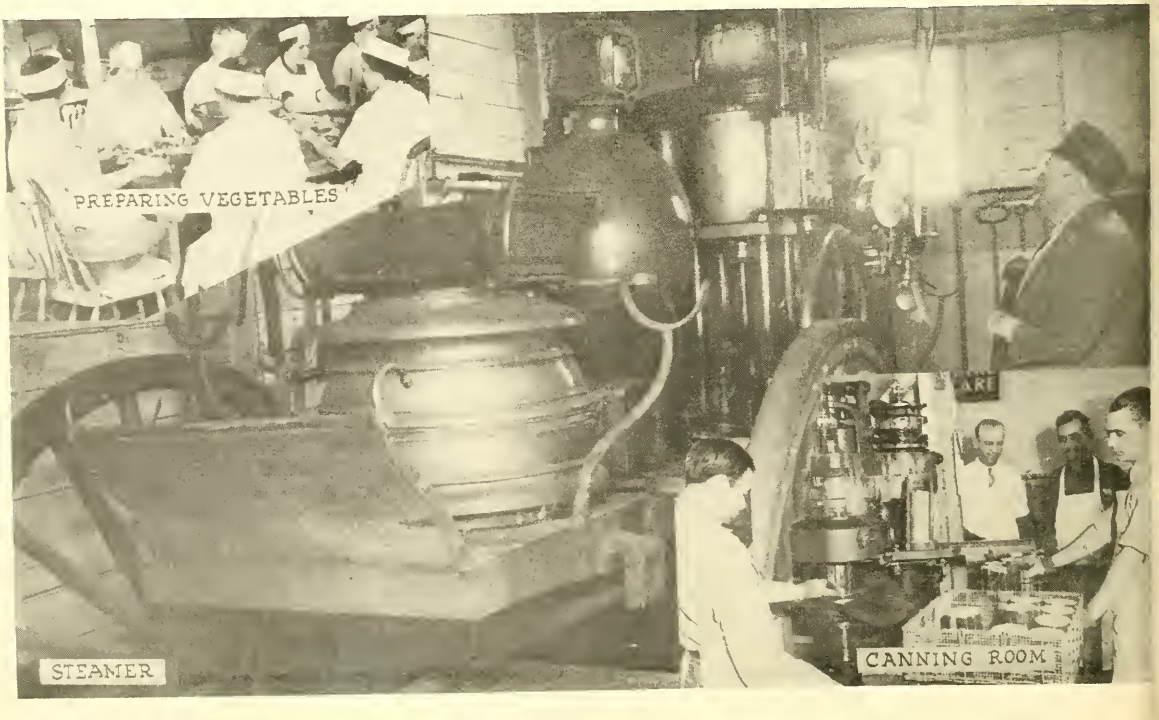
These operas will be entirely WPA productions as the sewing project workers are making the costumes, members of the art projects designed the scenery and other workers built the sets and stage equipment.

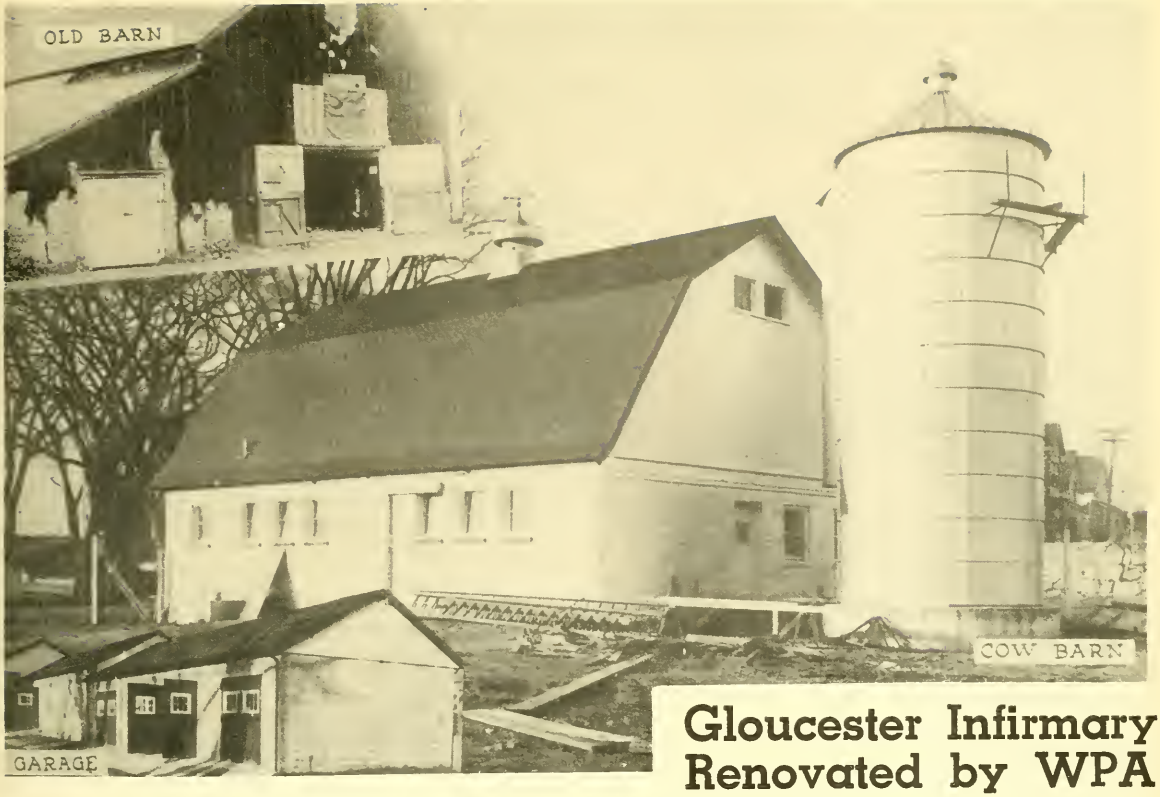
New Director

Isaac Van Grove, former director of the Chicago Civic and Grand Opera Companies, has been obtained by the music project to direct and conduct the new operas.

During the summer WPA opera season nearly 10,000 persons attended productions each week. It is expected that with cooler weather the house will be filled for every performance.

Both operas will be performed during each evening. In March the federal music project will present "Carmen."





Gloucester Infirmary Renovated by WPA

WPA Project Discovers One Million Unused Dollars

More than one million unused trust fund dollars have been discovered by the WPA Survey Bequests to Public Charities Project.

This money has been bequeathed to individuals, the state, cities, towns and public charities under terms of various wills. It has never been used for the purposes designated.

The project, though in operation only nine months, has covered the eastern section of the state. It is expected that when the entire state has been surveyed, two or three more million dollars will be found.

Under the direction of the Department of the Massachusetts Attorney-General, WPA employs 8 lawyers to check all wills probated in the Commonwealth.

When a document shows a public trust fund, a record is made. If it is lying idle and not being used according to the terms of the will, the Attorney-General notifies the trustees and requests for its disposal within the terms of the will.

A definite method for co-operative action between charities holding funds for kindred purposes and the project is now in progress. Facilitation of these monies to their uses will lessen the burden placed on the communities.

For more years than local citizens like to remember the physical appearance of the Gloucester City Infirmary was unsightly.

The Infirmary home was badly in need of improvements and repairs, outbuildings were dilapidated and the grounds were in poor condition.

Inmates of the Infirmary and Welfare Department recipients were supplied milk purchased in the open market, stove wood was cut by hand, there was no suitable reception room for visitors and farm equipment was suffering from lack of suitable storage quarters.

Gloucester Infirmary has been completely renovated by WPA. No signs of the old conditions remain.

Eight cows are now housed in a new, modern and sanitary barn and these animals furnish enough milk for the Infirmary and the Welfare Department. The interior of the cow barn is so shining, reflections of visitors show on the walls. Over each individual stall is a chart of milk production and other features of the most up-to-date dairy farm are in evidence.

Attached to the barn is a towering feed silo. The grounds all about the building have been filled and regraded.

One of the outstanding improvements is the new garage, woodshed and storage quarters. Where was once a tumble-down shack a sturdy building now stands. One of the most interesting objects in this building is in the wood cutting section where a 50 year old wedge wood cutter has been motorized and cuts all kindling and stove wood for the home and the Welfare Department.

Old residents would hardly know the grounds of the place now. The new buildings give the home a different look and visitors looking through the glass of a new inclosed sun porch and reception room see thousands of feet of attractive lawns and bankings supported on one side of the home by a new rubble retaining wall.

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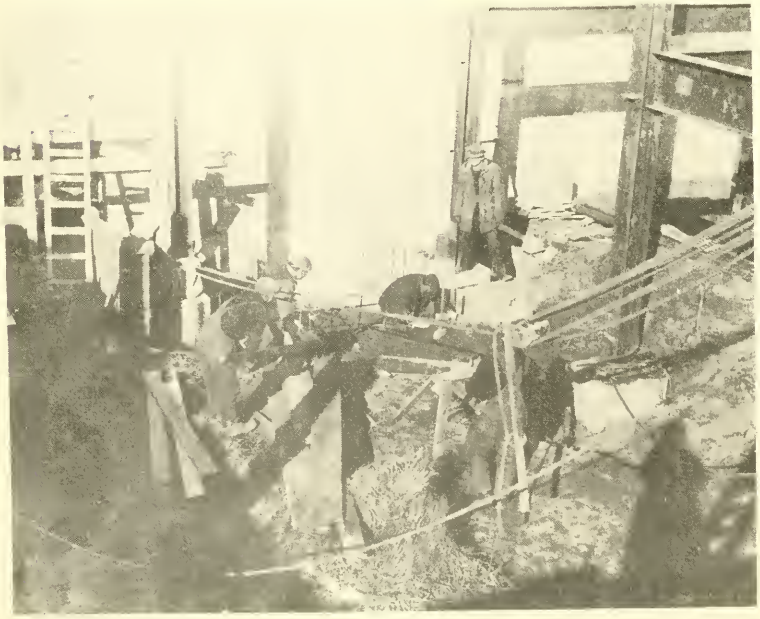

What They Say About Us

Boston Traveler:

TRAVELER BOUQUET GOES TO WPA MEN

The Traveler bouquet is split today, but that doesn't mean that the two recipients get half of it. Two full bouquets went out today to two WPA men who gave their blood to save the life of a critically ill fellow-worker.

The winners—Oscar Kalt of 85 Newbury Street and Joseph Andrews of 51 Garfield Street, Hyde Park. They gave their blood for a transfusion to save Lyman Callard, facing an operation at the City Hospital. Kalt gave his blood for a transfusion before Callard was operated upon, while Andrews gave his afterwards. Callard is now recovering, thanks to the splendid spirit of the WPA men.

Picketing Demands

Approximately 100 persons from WPA projects staged a seven-hour picketing demonstration about State WPA Headquarters, January 9, as a part of a nationwide effort to induce Congress to expand WPA.

Congress is the only body which may increase relief appropriations or authorize wage increases. After explaining these facts Col. McDonough told the group that new auditioning boards for the Federal Music and Theatre Projects had been formed. The auditioning boards are conducting auditions throughout the state to judge the professional skills of the workers on the projects.

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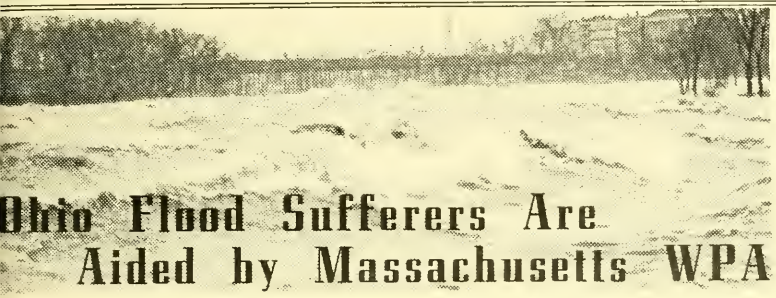


Ohio Flood Sufferers Are Aided by Massachusetts WPA

More than 1,000,000 persons have been left homeless and destitute in 11 states as a result of the mad wrath of swollen rivers, raging, whirling, sullen in their mighty strength as they sweep everything before them.

A catastrophe of national scope is being unfolded before the eyes of a horrified nation. So great is the tragedy involved it is almost beyond the comprehension of those not at the scene.

Some appreciation of its extent may be gained when one considers the plight of each one of the million homeless. Consider a family, destitute, huddled on a hill or in a freight car and viewing with hopeless eyes what once was their home. Everything they have worked for, saved for and dreamed of swept away before a mad rush of relentless water. Multiply this picture by a million.

One of the greatest things of which America can speak is the unification of spirit and the willingness of the rest of the people to aid portions of their population struck by calamities.

Massachusetts WPA workers, many of whom experienced floods themselves a few short months ago, have contributed real aid to many thousands of sufferers in the present devastated areas.

More than 200,000 articles of clothing and bedding, seven carloads, products of the Massachusetts WPA sewing rooms, are now keeping warm many of the destitute who have no shelter to protect them from the elements.

Four carloads of clothing were sent to the distressed in Kentucky, two more to West Virginia and a seventh to Tennessee. Included were comforters, pajamas, sheets, sweaters, underwear, shirts, pants, overalls and suits.

When the flood assumed grave proportions and misery and suffering became widespread, Washington authorities appealed to Massachusetts for a supply of garments to clothe the destitute.

Local officials made a quick survey of articles completed in sewing rooms and after conferring with Surplus Commodities Corporation officials, wired back that 200,000 articles of clothing, valued at $280,000, could be spared.

This clothing was gathered from the various sewing project storehouses throughout the state, transported to the Boston Army Base and loaded upon trains for the flood area within three days after the appeal was heard.

Massachusetts workers can feel they have performed a great service to the distressed of other sections by preparing these articles in their sewing rooms.

Congress Considers Deficiency Bill

As the Bulletin goes to press the Deficiency Bill, carrying provisions for financing the W. P. A. thro' the coming six months, is awaiting final action by the Senate. The Bill was passed by the House on Thursday of last week. It is expected that by the time the Bulletin appears, the Bill will be passed.

Altho' no official word has been given Colonel McDonough, it is the opinion of his office that the number of persons on projects here in Massachusetts will remain during the coming month at 92,600. At the present writing there are about 92,600 persons on W. P. A. projects.

Merrimac Valley WPA Flood Work Inspected by Officials

Believing in being prepared for any eventuality, Col. McDonough and state and army engineers toured the Merrimac Valley Basin, Monday, to check on flood control work and to prepare for any action that may be necessary in the near future.

The experience during the floods here last Spring and the present disastrous floods in Ohio have shown that WPA plays a major part in flood control and rehabilitation.

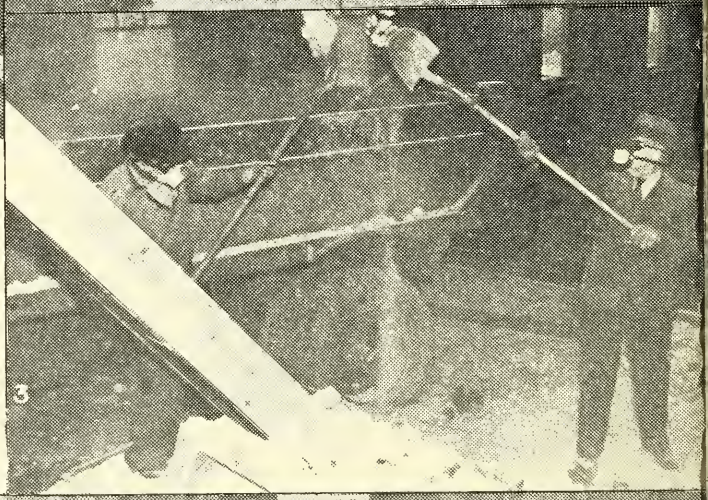
WPA work along the Nashua river is well explained in the following quotations taken from the Fitchburg Sentinel:

"The work of army engineers, flood-proofing the Nashua river, shone to advantage yesterday as a torrential 2.65 inch rainfall sent the river up to levels it had not reached since the disastrous March floods. Although only preliminary work has been done thus far, the improved channel, cleaned of its impeding dams and debris easily contained the water.

"Rising to a height . . . yesterday morning as swollen tributaries carried rain water and melting snow in vast quantities into the river, the Nashua was as calm as a spring morning.

"In not a single place did it overflow its banks, but ran quietly along despite its greatly increased size. . . .

". . . The mayor's flood control committee was delighted at the results of the engineer's work and highly praised John Sweeney, construction engineer, who has charge of the 700-man WPA project."



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3— WPA Workers Protecting Their Lungs By Wearing Dust Masks

4 — WPA Safety Division First Aid in Somerville

Safety Measures

Two of the main causes of construction and industrial accidents are carelessness and lack of proper preventive facilities.

In Massachusetts the WPA, through the State Safety Division which works in cooperation with community officials, is constantly stressing safety consciousness to the workers and encouraging all WPA employees to present new safety ideas.

The accident record of WPA workers compares very favorably with private business and is steadily improving since the safety division was first organized.

The city of Somerville presents an outstanding example of WPA safety results. During the last year there were no fatalities, no permanent disabilities, few lost time accidents and a low minor accident rate.

WPA safety men are assigned to all construction projects and safety engineers constantly tour the six districts of the state to inspect conditions and to further advance the safety of men at work.

lan to Improve 25 Miles of Streets in Worcester

The extensive plan of Mayor John S. ıllivan of Worcester for making public ıd improving 25 miles of private streets ı that city has been approved by State dministrator John J. McDonough and ınt to Washington for final consideration.

Col. McDonough termed the project ıe of the best proposals he has received ɔr a long time and recommended to 'ashington WPA officials that it be ɔproved.

The plan calls for acceptance by the ty of streets which are at present private ays and improvement of these streets at total cost of $679,200. Under the agreeent reached during a conference between e state administrator and the Worcester ayor, it was provided that the Federal ntribution toward the project would tal $420,340 and the municipal share of e expense would be $258,860.

Engineers estimated that the work ɔuld require employment of 1181 men it were to be completed in five months ne. City officials of Worcester said the oject was vitally necessary because 'orcester has such a large percentage of ıaccepted streets which keep property lues down.

It is planned to improve only those ivate streets with sanitary and surface wers already in place. Property owners ly are to be allowed to petition to make eets public. In order to be considered r improvement under the plan a street ust have been made at least six years o. Each street will have to become pub- before a shovel will be turned in the ɔrk of improving it.

Mayor Sullivan made a personal visit to ashington, following his conferences th state administrator McDonough. He id he expects to obtain final approval the proposal very soon.

Reinvestigation Shows Eight Per Cent No Longer Eligible

As a result of the reinvestigation of ll project workers, now nearly comleted, approximately eight percent of he persons employed last November ıo longer qualify as needy according o WPA standards.

Of 77,832 persons who have been reıvestigated 6069 have been found to e in sufficiently improved economic ondition so they no longer should eceive WPA aid.

These 6069 persons have been ropped from the WPA payrolls.

"Help Yourself," Is Federal Theatre Hit

"Help Yourself", farce comedy, written by Paul Vulpius and adapted by John J. Coman, has entered its fourth successful week in the Federal Theatre Project's new playhouse, the Copley Theatre, Boston.

All the spirited fun of the piece is evolved from the comedy situations which take place in the offices of a large banking institution.

The critics of the *Globe, Herald, Traveler, Transcript, Christian Science Monitor* and the *Record* unanimously praised the presentation which is labeled "Hit!"

Third Grand Opera Bill by Federal Music Project

"Jack and the Beanstalk", Louis Gruenberg's modern operatic fantasy, and "Pagliacci" inaugurated the Federal Music Project's third bill of grand opera at the Boston Opera House last Tuesday evening.

The casts of both operas were recruited from the ranks of the Boston Federal Music Project. Both productions were under the direction of Isaac Van Grove, well known operatic producer.

The Federal Music Project plans to present "Carmen" within the next few months.

Next Sunday evening will mark the first of a series of Sunday night concerts by the State Symphony Orchestra of the Federal Music Project. Under the baton of Alexander Thiede, the 75-piece orchestra will open the concert with the first of a cycle of Beethoven Symphonies. Miss Eleanor Steber, soprano, will be guest soloist. Popular priced admissions will prevail.

WPA Orchestra Broadcast Short Wave to Europe

Striving to aid the cause of peace and international goodwill, a WPA Symphony Orchestra of 50 persons last Saturday broadcast a musical program to Europe over short wave radio from Sanders Theatre, Harvard University.

The orchestra was personally conducted by Dr. Nikolai Sokoloff, national director of the federal music program. Similar concerts will be broadcast the last Saturday of each month. Music of a national theme, including well known pieces of the various nations, will be played.

An opportunity for other countries to acquaint themselves with the purposes and aims of government sponsored music here will also be given through the medium of these concerts. Dr. Sokoloff believes the federal music project has brought out a wealth of talent that would otherwise have remained undiscovered.

American Guide Exhibition at Metropolitan Theatre

An exhibition of illustrative material and copy which will be used in the forthcoming American Guide series is now being given a pre-view on the mezzanine floor of the Metropolitan Theatre, Boston.

The material of the exhibition has been chosen from the files of the Writers' Project in Massachusetts, the other states, and the District of Columbia. It consists of photographs, maps, documents, and excerpts from the various types of descriptive writing which will be incorporated in the guide book series.

Everett E. Gillis Appointed Director

Everett E. Gillis has been appointed Director of the Division of Finance and Statistics, Massachusetts WPA.

Mr. Gillis had been assistant director of the division.

Gleanings

BOSTON—Continuation of the extensive improvements to the East Boston Airport through final authorization of additional WPA funds will afford employment for about 2000 men through the winter months.

Haverhill—A supplementary WPA project for the erection of a cement stand at the Haverhill Stadium will give employment to 95 men for a four month period.

Fall River—Ten thousand school books have been repaired and rebound by Federal workers in this city. The book project starting under CWA continued through ERA and is now active under WPA.

GARDNER—To provide a sewage outlet for the Gardner Isolation Hospital, WPA is building a sewer line of 1176 feet to connect with the city's main sewer lines. The work will employ 29 men for three months.

SWAMPSCOTT—Irving "Bump" Hadley, of Lynn, New York Yankee pitching ace, showed several reels of baseball motion pictures in the Hadley Junior High School during a program sponsored by the WPA Recreational Division.

Salem—From December 5, 1936, to January 25, 1937, 516 men and women have left District One WPA jobs to enter private employment.

LYNN—Hyman Harman, 56 Prospect St., WPA worker at the Essex County Agricultural School, believes that he has invented an automobile inner tube which will make tires far less liable to blowouts.

Boston—A million and a half people participated in the activities of the Adult Recreation program in Boston during the past year. Of this number 1,255,913 made up the aggregate audiences for the various musical and dramatic performances, the lectures, reading and game rooms and arts and crafts classes. Those who participated in these entertainments at various times numbered 116,922. These figures represent a 20 percent increase over those of 1935.

Fitchburg—The old city jail in the cellar of the 90 year old city hall is to be torn out by WPA workers who will convert the space gained into storage quarters for the city electrician.

SPRINGFIELD—Daily 1500 undernourished children in Springfield Holyoke and Chicopee are furnished free lunches by WPA Nutrition Centers.

Cambridge—WPA is operating a Better Homes Project to aid local residents who wish to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Federal Housing Administration. The project maintains a live check-list of all persons eligible for Federal Housing Aid.

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WPA Employment Figures To Be Maintained

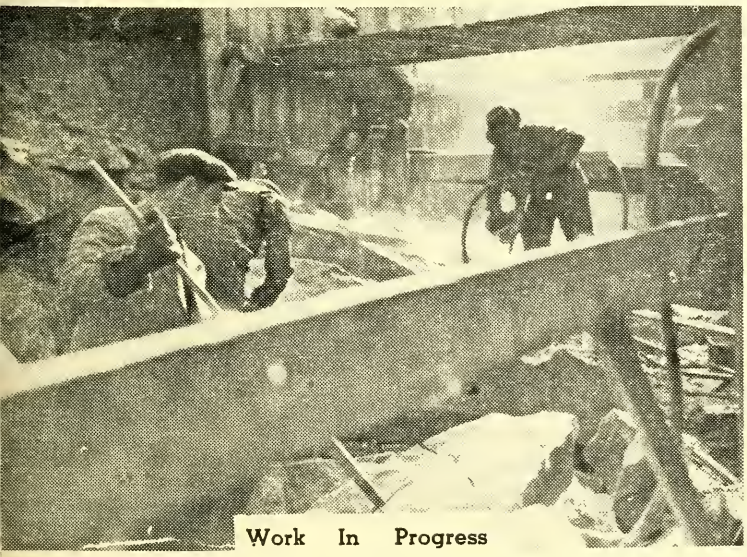
The number of persons employed on Massachusetts WPA will remain the present total during February and March.

Welcome news that there will be no reductions in this state during e next six weeks was obtained by State Administrator John J. McDonough, hile attending a national conference of WPA administrators in Chicago st week.

National administrator Harry L. Hopkins told Col. McDonough he uld give him definite figures on employment for February and March; it that the size of the program in Massachusetts during April will depend economic conditions here.

It is expected that with a seasonal increase in employment in rural areas d a continued improvement in private business, a considerable number workers will leave the WPA rolls during April.

During the Chicago conference Mr. Hopkins explained how the 55,000,000 deficiency bill will be spent. He said that while states suffering om the recent flood will get extra funds this state will not be forced to ffer any decrease in allotments. Massachusetts will get its usual allotment ring February and March.



Work In Progress

Seasonal Increase Material Contributions To Be Curtailed

In an effort to spend an even greater part of each relief dollar in the form of wages for workers, national WPA officials have cut down on the federal contribution for materials and transportation costs to cities and towns.

Col. McDonough received instructions at the Chicago conference last week that the average Federal cost for materials and equipment shall not exceed $5 per man per month on projects.

This will mean that in many of the larger projects the cities and towns will have to bear a greater proportion of the material costs than they have up to the present time. Col. McDonough said this limitation is to be strictly enforced.

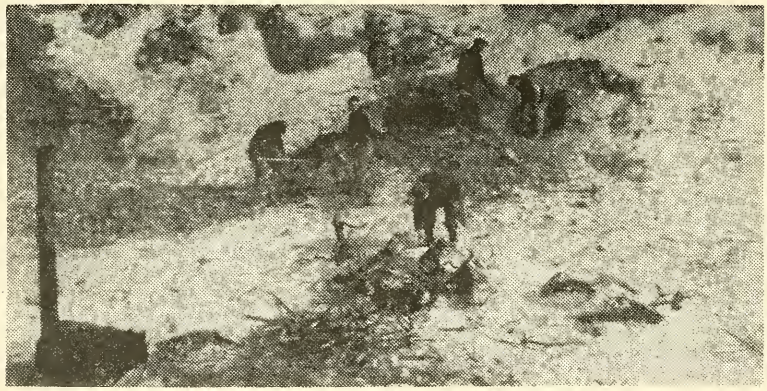
District directors were called into conference this week so the new ruling on material costs could be carefully explained to them. The directors, will in turn, notify city and town officials of the ruling so they can take it into consideration in planning new projects for their communities.

Attleboro Youth Fights Way to Job

Two months from the day he took his first boxing lesson in a WPA recreation class, 18 year old Andrew Nyzio of Attleboro fought himself into a good job.

He won first prize in the 135 pound novice class and first prize for being the best boxer of all classes at a tournament in his city.

A high official of a jewelry company saw young Nyzio boxing, liked the way he handled himself in and out of the ring and offered him a job. The young man is making good at his new job.



WPA Work in Berkshire Mts.

Mittens Furnished WPA Men on Mt. Washington Job

Icy wind searching Washington Mountain found the observer the moment he stepped from his heated car.

Before him a long line of WPA workers were clearing and grubbing land about the Pittsfield Watershed and he watched them with interest for the extreme cold didn't seem to interfere with their operations.

Most of the men were wearing short, heavy jackets or sweaters and their hands were covered with warm, woolen mittens of uniform design.

The observer's hands, inadequately covered with kid gloves, tingled with the cold and he asked the foreman where the workers purchased the mittens.

He was told that these mittens were furnished outdoor workers in the Pittsfield area without charge by a WPA project in Pittsfield which renovates old garments and makes mittens for distribution to WPA workers.

WPA People

Who are the WPA workers?

What is their background? Where do they come from and where do they go after they leave WPA employment?

Individual records of WPA employees best answer these questions. In successive issues of The Bulletin we intend to present typical cases as they are brought to our attention.

Miss . . .

Miss . . . after graduating from one of the large hospitals as a trained nurse found it impossible to secure steady employment.

Despairing of obtaining work in her chosen field the girl made daily rounds of employment agencies and private business establishments. "No Work Today" was continuously dinned in her ears. Discouraged and worried, her money almost gone, she applied for work on the WPA as a housekeeper for the needy.

Having the necessary qualifications for such a job she was employed on a Household Aid project where she distinguished herself by her conscientious attention to duty.

Some time after securing WPA work Miss . . . became acquainted with a young college graduate who though trained as an accountant was unable to find employment. Miss . . . talked of the tremendous good such household work accomplished for the very needy and said that such a service would be appreciated by less needy persons who could afford nominal fees for such work.

It was decided that they would combine their respective talents, the man to handle the business and the woman to handle the household workers.

Miss . . . resigned her position with WPA and today with the young college man is running a successful Household Aid service patterned after the WPA project.

Fish Pier Renovated By WPA

"Pier 4," New Bedford, where fish valued at $2,000,000 is landed annually is being repaired and enlarged by WPA.

The old pier, 200 feet long and 95 feet wide, will be extended 60 additional feet. Rotted, worm-eaten wooden piles will be removed and replaced with concrete piles reinforced with steel rods. The wooden deck of the pier is being removed and will be replaced with concrete deck slabs and a new asphalt deck coating.

ımous Springfield Armory Renovated by WPA

Springfield Armory, famous the world er for its Springfield rifles, is being ıovated and repaired by WPA.

The Armory, established by an Act of ɔngress in 1794 on a site approved by ɔorge Washington, called "The Arıal" in Longfellow's famous poem, has rnished rifles and sidearms to American diers in every military adventure of s country since the Revolution.

The Armory, especially notable for its ɔomplishments during the Civil and ɔrld Wars, has been deteriorating since latter conflict. Col. T. J. Smith, comndant, in a letter to WPA said:

". . . Over a period of years a large ıount of work of an urgent nature has ɔumulated. This project covers a setion which can be performed efficiently a variety of types of labor during winter ɔnths.

"Throughout the preparation of the ta in this project, my assistants have ɔeived most effective and willing assistɔe from your engineering staff and my ɡanization appreciates very much their ility and helpfulness. . . ."

Work in Progress

Work is in progress at the main arsenal d the smaller Watershops Plant. Among many buildings to be renovated are which house commissioned officers and ıer members of the Armory personnel. ne of these buildings are more than a ndred years old.

Wooden sheds and garages will be torn wn and replaced with modern struces. A wooden paint shop and the ste washing and oil extracting equipnt building will be replaced with fireɔof structures.

Floors will be strengthened and rebuilt, heating plants will be modernized as l the electric wiring and water and vage systems.

The job will take four months and will ploy 595 men. Workers will include: nters, paperhangers, roofers, carpenters, cklayers, cement-finishers, plasterers, hers, plumbers, steamfitters, slaters, lders, glaziers, electricians, truck-drivers, tchmen, mason-tenders, compressorerators, roofers' helpers, steamfitters' lpers, electricians' helpers, sandingchine operators, mixer-operators, timeɔpers, clerks, sandblasters, and common ɔorers.

Sammy Fuller showing Dante Yannetti his knockout punch.

Verse Speaking New WPA Development

A recently developed form of dramatic recitation known as verse speaking, now used by only a few progressive choral groups in the country, is being stimulated by experiments conducted with voluntary community groups organized by the drama division of the adult recreation project.

It is expected this form of recitation may become the perfect technique for radio presentation. Without books to refer to, a group of WPA instructors is conducting classes, carrying on experiments and preparing a textbook called the "Verse Speaking Manual."

Like all "new" forms of artistic expression, verse speaking was once well known. It may be traced through the Greek chorus to the rudiments of rhythm.

First WPA presentation of verse speaking by WPA over the radio was performed Feb. 12, when "Wind of the North," a poetic dramatization combined with a verse speaking choir, was given over Station WCOP.

Sammy Fuller WPA Boxing Supervisor Has New Protege

The Bulletin congratulates Sammy Fuller, Boxing Supervisor of the Chelsea Recreation Project, for his one round knockout of Andy Callahan. Sammy tells us that his work on the project helped to keep him in good condition.

Dante Yannetti, Sammy's protege, is one of five boxing instructors on this project. Sammy says that Yannetti will be one of the best welterweights in the East within a year. We hope Sammy is as good at predicting as he is fighting.

Music Project Receives Interesting Letters

Many interesting letters are received by staff members of the Music Teachers' Project from mothers and fathers who take an interest in the music lessons given their children by teachers employed on the WPA.

These parents give aid to their children and help them in their efforts to get a musical education. The following letter is an example of how one mother makes every effort to help her children obtain their music lessons:

"Dear Teacher:

I hope you don't think for one minute that I don't appreciate the opportunity of giving Margaret free piano lessons because words, pen or pencil can't express my gratitude. I had a piano given to me last year to give the children lessons. They took them for a while but financial difficulties set in and I had to stop. So I was very glad indeed to be able to have them taking them again through WPA. I cannot get Margaret's book this week as I have to put shoes on one of the children. But will try to get it next week."

Last month the Music Teachers' Project provided free lessons to more than 4000 children and grownups throughout the state.

Administrative Changes

Byrle J. Osborn, Director of District Two, has resigned his position. Denis W. Delaney, Chief Engineer and assistant director of the district, has been named acting director.

James B. Ryan, former Director of District Six, more recently special field representative of the administrator, has been appointed business director for Federal Projects One to Six. He succeeds Charles G. Schirmer, who resigned.

The Bulletin is glad to hear reports from Washington that Paul Edwards, former state administrator for Massachusetts, recently appointed National Chief Examiner of the WPA, has been promoted to a still higher position, that of Associate National Director of Finance.

Gleanings

Cleaning Up

GARDNER — Forty-seven acres of waste land at the Gardner State Insane Hospital is to be cleared and reclaimed by a WPA project which will employ about 60 men.

Smokes Way to Radio

ROXBURY — Johnny "Cigar" Connors, who has won national attention as an athlete, who puffs big black cigars while running a marathon was a recent feature on the radio program of Robert "Believe It or Not" Ripley. Johnny is working on the Mattapan Square Project.

Tear Down to Build Up

HOLYOKE — The Dickenson Paper Mill property, idle for the last nine years, has been purchased by the city and will be demolished by WPA workers preparatory to the erection of an electric station for the Holyoke Electric Department. It is expected that the job will take about three months time and that 100 men will be employed monthly.

Old Bricks

FITCHBURG — Brick salvaged from the High School which was destroyed by fire, has been used by WPA as fill, to build swimming pools and retaining walls.

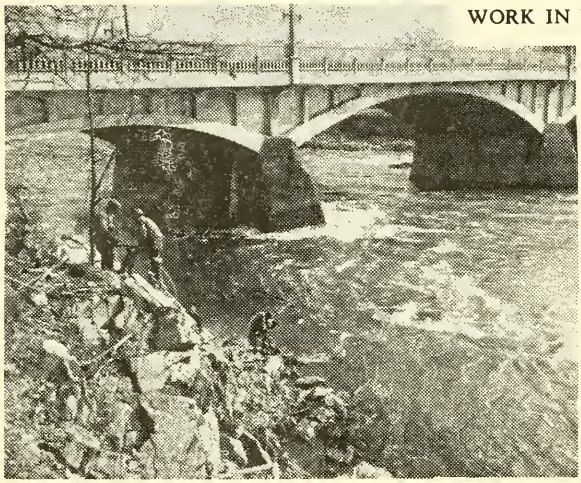
Bridge Open

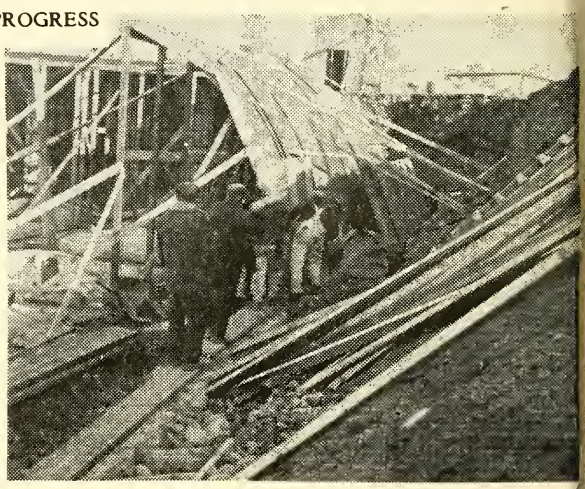
CHARLTON — Turner Road Bridge, seriously damaged by the flood last Spring, has been repaired by WPA and is now open for traffic.

Another Flood

AMESBURY — Possibility that a flood as great as that of last Spring, swept the same sections of Essex County about two centuries ago, has been expressed by James H. Gillispie, WPA coordinator, when a deposit of white silt, a foot below the surface and 18 feet above the river' high water mark, was discovered on Merrill Street.

WORK IN PROGRESS





Full Speed Ahead

WORCESTER — Engineering officials of District Six have announced the completion of 35 WPA bridge projects. Work is in progress on 28 other bridge projects.

Helping Hands

SPRINGFIELD — During November and December, 42 nurses employed by WPA in Chicopee, North Adams, Pittsfield, Springfield and Holyoke made more than 10,000 visits to needy families.

"Believe It or Not" Snow

BECKET — WPA workers on Middlefield Street, a farm-to-market road, have been hampered during the last few weeks by snow and ice.

Typed Way To Jobs

NEW BEDFORD — Officials of the Recreation Project say that more than 50 persons who attended WPA stenography classes have secured outside private employment during the last year.

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More For Wages From WPA Dollar

Stretching the WPA dollar—put more of that dollar into ages for the worker.

The Bulletin has spoken of the ive to reduce overhead cost of lministering the WPA. Mention has been made in the last sues of the policy of spending ss WPA money for materials d other non-labor costs.

Washington Order

Now comes an order from ashington reducing the maximum non-certified persons working from 10% to 5%. With the ception of a few individual ojects, this order will not fect us in Massachusetts, for e percentage of non-certified orkers is less than 2% of the tal throughout the state.

The order also reduces the aximum number of persons allowed to receive over the Security Wage Rate. The maximum any one project has been reced from 10% to 5%. Again, th the exception of two or ree projects, specifically the ational Guard Camp and the ld Harbor Housing job, this der does not affect Massachutts because of the few exemptons granted heretofore.

Administration

The administration is determined to place the greater part every WPA dollar in the nds of the certified Security age worker. In this way more PA dollars will be stretched er more needy workers.

The results of this drive will ace more than four out of ery five dollars spent by WPA wages to the workers.

PRINGFIELD NEWSPAPERS

Springfield WPA Recreation icials are appreciative of the operation shown by Springld newspapers which are printg city recreation happenings in th morning and evening editons.

Army doctors inoculating WPA workmen against typhoid before they start work on the Army, Nashua River Flood Control Project in Haverhill. Polluted water makes this precaution a necessity.

Horses is Horses!

Editorial Note: The following article clipped from a Boston newspaper is one of the best stories we have read in months.

HORSES IS HORSES: We don't believe this could have happened in any other age than this and without the Works Progress Administration as a background:

But there was the WPA doing great things in Revere.

One of the humbler workmen discovered a great open hole in the street, like a crater, and thought he should notify the boss.

So he went to the telephone and called the foreman.

Say, he said one way or another, send over a couple of horses so we can stick them over the hole we got in the street here and hang some red lights on 'em.

Now of course, you and I know that a horse in construction language means a kind of wooden supporting frame with legs.

Well, sir, we have it on the eye-witness authority of one of the boys that the foreman sent over two live dray horses, as if ready to be harnessed to a brewery truck. And with them came two red lanterns.

Editorial Note: We don't want to spoil another WPA worker story—but the facts show that the City of Revere had only one dray horse and there is no record of his having been used in place of a construction horse. Furthermore he died several weeks ago.

Certifications Are Brought Up to Date

Bulletin: Colonel McDonough informs Bulletin that no one in need and unable to find private employment will be discharged during the next ten weeks.

The recently completed investigation into the needs of persons on WPA payrolls found that out of 100,722 persons investigated 8,223 were found to be no longer eligible because of changed economic conditions in the family. This being the first complete check since the beginning of the WPA over a year ago, the number found ineligible because of changed conditions was not high.

30 Day Rule

To make sure that those who are certified as eligible but are not working shall also be checked for current eligibility, the State administration has inaugurated a procedure whereby all persons certified by local certifying boards and awaiting assignment to WPA projects, must be recertified every 30 days.

This means that if a person has been certified by the local certifying board, and has not worked for 30 days, his name will be referred back to the local certifying board as no longer eligible. In this way the WPA will have a current check from the local certifying boards that all persons awaiting assignment to WPA projects have been recently certified as in need of WPA work.

At the same time instructions were issued to District Offices stating that District Offices would only accept from local certifying boards a sufficient number of eligible persons to fill the jobs available in that community.

Explanation

In explaining these instructions to the Bulletin, Colonel McDonough pointed out that only when there were jobs available would the District Employment Divisions carry on file the names of eligible persons. This will correct the previous method whereby the names of many eligible persons who—because there were no available jobs—had waited in vain for placement on WPA projects, even tho' they had been certified for WPA work.

MR. DELANEY

Denis W. Delaney District 2 Director

Denis W. Delaney, of Lawrence, has been appointed WPA Director of District Two covering Middlesex and Norfolk counties.

Mr. Delaney, at one time a successful contractor, felt the full impact of the depression in 1932. Like many others in the building trades his business was wiped out.

In November 1933, having to start all over again, he became employed as a CWA laborer. Within a few weeks he was promoted to foreman. When ERA took over the functions of CWA he was transferred to the District Two office to examine and pass on projects. Under WPA he had been assistant district director in charge of operations until his appointment as director.

Mr. Delaney enlisted in the army in 1917, was commissioned as infantry lieutenant, later became a captain, engaged in overseas service. After being wounded and gassed in France he was returned to this country.

By the time his health had returned the war was over and he entered the contracting business.

Mr. Delaney is married and has one daughter.

WPA Bridge Crew Save Dogs From Drowning

LUNENBURG—While excited sympathizers searched vainly for a rope and firemen were speeding from Fitchburg, two miles away, WPA Foreman F. W. Cleveland and his crew working on Young's Road Bridge, saved two police dogs from drowning in Baker's pond, March 4.

The Massachusetts Humane Society and the Fitchburg Humane Education Society have been told how the WPA workers by nailing planks end to end formed a path to the dogs who had broken through thin ice 150 feet from shore.

Assisting Mr. Cleveland were: Mahlon Heath, Lawrence McGillvary, Wilfred Bonner, Floyd Cleveland, Jack Ahokas, Carl Ranne, Alfred Schultz, John Mulcahy, James Bingley and Harold Jordan.

WPA People

WPA ARTIST WINS MURAL COMPETITION

MISS METHOT

WORCESTER — Murals designed by Miss Jeanne D. Methot, 23, a WPA arts and crafts teacher, have been awarded first prize in the competition for mural designs for the new David Hale Fanning Trade School for Girls.

Many well known artists submitted mural designs in the competition conducted by trustees of the school founded by a man who made a fortune in the corset business.

Themes for two murals submitted by Miss Methot are Elias Howe and his invention of the sewing machine and Eli Whitney and the development of the cotton gin. Each mural is designed to measure 8 by 16 feet.

Two years ago illness forced Miss Methot out of commercial art. She recovered sufficiently to conduct an arts and crafts class at the WPA center in St. George's hall. She devotes as much of her spare time to her easel as possible. Her home and studio is at 92 Irving Street.

She is planning a new set of murals based on the work of the WPA nursery schools. They will be exhibited with 65 other murals Miss Methot has designed.

Arthur Mahan of Somerville Gets Red Sox Tryout

Arthur Mahan, of Somerville, former WPA employe, is receiving a tryout with the Red Sox at Sarasota.

Mahan, former first baseman for Villanova University, played for Little Rock last year. His brilliant fielding attracted the attention of Red Sox scouts who obtained an option on his service.

Regains Use of Hand Through WPA Wo

Considered, by surgeons, to have su fered permanent paralysis of the rig hand in an auto accident four years ag a Charlestown young man regained co plete control of his disabled finge through manipulation of shoemake tools in the moccasin department of t WPA Sewing Project at the U. S. Arm Base, South Boston. His recovery has pe mitted him to complete a state rehabili tion course in draftsmanship, whereas, f four years he couldn't hold a pencil in right hand.

Three operations on his wrist had fai to bring relief. The effort required pierce elk hide with an awl and then p waxed thread through strengthened lost muscles. Within six months he cou write for the first time in four years.

Full-Blooded Indian Is Construction Supervis

Frank Thorpe, full-blooded Cherok Indian, construction supervisor on t WPA project, in Wood Avenue, Hy Park, is recognized as one of the b supervisors in Boston.

Thorpe, born in Oklahoma, lives Dorchester with his wife and two childr is a World War veteran who has been d orated five times by this and other co tries for distinguished service and brav in action. He has lived in this state si the war.

Thorpe is in charge of 300 workm who are transforming 13 acres of ma land into a modern recreation center

FRANK THORPE

Sister Act Succeeds

Left to right: Goodie MacLone, George Frazier and Reva MacLone.

EDERAL THEATRE SISTER ACT RECEIVES PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT BID

Reva and Goodie MacLone, sisters, estville Street, Dorchester, who have en dividing a $94 a month security wage singing on WPA programs, have re-ved an offer to join a nationally known wing" band, according to officials of the deral Theatre Project.

Their opportunity to enter the private ertainment field was obtained by orge Frazier, Harvard '32, music critic d writer, who witnessed their act on the udeville presentation of the Federal eatre, Copley Theatre, Boston.

Impressed by their personalities, rhythm, and original arrangements, Mr. Frazier reported to Charles Barnet, orchestra leader who was playing in Boston with his band. Barnet, after observing the girls act, instructed his manager to make arrangements for the girls to join his unit in June when his orchestra returns to the Glen Island Casino in New Rochelle, N. Y.

Until that time the MacLone sisters will remain with their Federal Theatre unit.

WPA Project Lists Sheet Music Collection

WORCESTER—Over 40,000 pieces of sheet music, written between 1800 and 1870, owned by the American Antiquarian society and claimed by it to be one of the largest collections in the country, is being indexed and listed through the medium of a WPA project.

The music runs from classic operas to jigs and roundelays, presents a well rounded picture of music in 1800-1870.

The late Calvin Coolidge, at one time president of this society, took active interest in its programs.

Crosstown Boulevard Project Again In Operation

SPRINGFIELD — Great slabs of pavement are being torn up on State Street, marking the resumption of the WPA Crosstown Boulevard Project suspended last fall when winter set in.

At the time of the suspension WPA had completed nearly all of its portion of the boulevard leaving but a short distance of roadwork north of State Street to be finished. Twelve workmen and a power shovel started work on this several weeks ago.

Music Project To Use Famous Majestic Theatre

The famous old Majestic theatre, one of Boston's most distinguished playhouses, dark for many months, will re-open under the auspices of the Federal Music Project, when a week of grand opera is presented from March 16 to March 20.

Bizet's "Carmen" and Eugen D'Albert's "Die Toten Augen" will be presented. Later, it is planned to present the State Symphony Orchestra and other units of the Federal Music project at this theatre. The Federal Theatre of Massachusetts will share the house with the music project, according to present plans.

Need Second Edition of Writer's Project Pamphlet

BOSTON, March 5 — The first printing, 10,000 copies, of the Massachusetts Writers Project's initial offering—"A Guide to Wintersports and Recreation in the Berkshire Hills"—written and published under the sponsorship of the Berkshire County Commissioners, has been exhausted since its publication February 23.

In spite of generally dismal wintersport-weather a second printing will in all probability be run-off, according to Writers Project supervisors.

The pamphlet combines tour and trail information, pictures, and maps. Information concerning this may be obtained at WPA Writers Project, 25 Huntington Avenue, Boston.

PRESSURE SEWER

SPRINGFIELD — The Rowland Avenue WPA Pressure Sewer Project, in the North End, is now employing 335 men. Peak employment will find about 420 workmen — job expected to last about two and a half months.

WPA workers cutting firewood for the needy in Lee.

LOSS + REPAIR = GAIN

WORCESTER — Taken by legal process through the Land Court for failure of owners to pay real estate taxes, three brick blocks at 19-23-25 Oread Place are being repaired by WPA—will be used to house welfare and soldier's relief recipients.

MRS. RYAN

HAVERHILL — Mrs. Ann McKenna Ryan has been appointed centre supervisor of the WPA Recreation Project.

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Gleanings

AIDS SWIMMERS

LUNENBURG — Another link is being forged in the chain of preventative measures taken by town authorities to insure against pollution of Whalom Lake. A WPA project of 12 men is installing proper sewage facilities.

FORE!

BROOKLINE — Since last May more than 5000 lessons to 1000 pupils have been given by Ray Ouimet and Edward McPhail, golf instructors at the WPA Recreation Project. Lessons are given every day from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

SUMMER RECREATION

SALEM — Forest River Pool, most important of Salem's summer recreation centres, is being reconstructed by a WPA project which will replace 165 feet of sheet piling at a dam, resurface bottom of the pool, excavate for repairs to a retaining wall and rebuild 170 feet of sea wall and ramp.

FROM THE ARMY

FORT DEVENS — Major A. C. Jensen, of the Quartermaster Corps, reports:

"The work of reconditioning the water pumping station and collection well was made necessary on account of floods of March, 1936. During these floods, surface waters flowed into the main collection well, polluting the water supply and damaging the sub-structure of the well itself.

"From WPA funds available for the purpose, the retaining wall around the well was raised, the sub-structure repaired and a new roof constructed. By this work, the possible damage from future floods was reduced to a minimum and the water supply of fifteen hundred people preserved from pollution."

MAP PICTURES

CLINTON — Maps showing the location, size, and use of every conduit, sewer, tunnel, water pipe, manhole and catchbasin in the town will be made by WPA workers under the supervision of the local department of public works.

RESIDENTS BENEFIT

SMITH'S FERRY — A large WPA sanitary sewer, paralleling the Connecticut River, on Northampton Road, will benefit 33 residents of the vicinity, will take about two months to complete — is expected to employ a peak load of about 300 men.

Automatic pile driver pounding in shoring on the Lynn WPA Victory Road Sewer job.

FALL RIVER WPA EVENING SCHOOL GIVES OPPORTUNITY FOR FREE INSTRUCTION

For five years past, Fall River, faced with the necessity for financial retrenchment, has conducted no public evening school, and the WPA school has offered to persons over 16 years of age their only opportunity for free instruction other than in the public day schools. There are now 1,032 persons enrolled in the WPA classes which meet afternoons and evenings.

Lewis P. Damon, supervisor of academic and vocational classes in the WPA school, believes that many have been helped to jobs or promotion through their studies at the school, but there is no official record of their number.

Recently six young men were hired by a private employer. The employer said to the boys' teacher:

"When I looked over their applications and found that these boys are attending the WPA school, trying to better themselves instead of wasting their time and opportunities, I knew at once that they are the kind of boys that I want to give a chance and that are likely to make good.

"We promise to administer this program sympathetically with a genuine understanding of your needs and a deep conviction that all you ask is an opportunity to earn your living honorably."

—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

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One Year's Work of Flood Reconstruction and Control

A year ago this month WPA began the task of removng the debris and repairing the damage left by the reatest flood that had ravaged the river valleys of Massahusetts within recorded history.

The same rivers that caused so much terror and destrucion last Spring created the fertile valleys of the Connectiut, furnished power to turn the wheels of industry on he Nashua, Merrimac and other rapid streams throughut New England. In order to keep these rivers friendly nd make them work for New England, the repair of ood damage includes a program of control of future ood conditions, that last year's horror may not be reeated from time to time, with attendant loss of life and estruction of property.

In addition to a vast amount of repair and reconstruction work in the flood ravaged sectors, the WPA has mbarked upon the first steps of a flood control program.

Because of the vast watershed drained by the rivers f Massachusetts, the great problem of flood control orage basins is one requiring the joint action of the ates affected and the Federal Government.

Under the direction of U. S. Army engineers, WPA urnishing the labor, flood control projects have been arted in the Merrimac, Nashua and Connecticut rivers. ikes have been built at Holyoke, Chicopee, South Hadey, W. Springfield, Northampton, Sunderland and Mongue.

At Haverhill a steel sheeted bulkhead carrying a trunk ewer is being constructed along the bank of the river protect the city.

At Lowell the Merrimac River channel is being deepned and widened and the banks protected by riprapping.

At Fitchburg WPA labor under U. S. engineers is ngaged in straightening and deepening the channel of e Nashua River.

Working under the War Department at Haverhill, owell and Fitchburg are 1225 WPA workers. In addion to these named projects, 2700 other WPA workers ave been engaged during the year in the construction retaining walls, removal of flood debris, repairs to ublic buildings, reconstruction and repairs of roadways nd culverts, and otherwise removing the traces of the ood's ravages.

When the flood waters had receded it became evident at repairs or reconstruction would have to be done on undreds of bridges throughout the state. Projects were

WPA Flood Control workers

submitted for this reconstruction. Where the work could be done by WPA labor most effectively the WPA undertook the task. Larger bridges involving more complicated problems were to be done on contract after the approval of the plans by the WPA, Bureau of Public Roads and the State Department of Public Works.

The WPA undertook the construction of 121 bridges. Fifty-nine other bridges were turned over to the Bureau of Public Roads to be done under contract. The WPA has completed work on 65 bridges; 37 are in the process of construction. Work has been suspended because of seasonal construction difficulties on eight others, and 11 are awaiting operation. Up to the first of the year the WPA had spent $551,979 on its share of the bridge program. For the contract bridges allotments have been made of $2,889,000.

On projects already submitted and approved for flood repair and control, encumbrances have been made of $2,952,211 out of a limitation figure of $5,650,000.

The work the WPA is doing towards flood control will protect communities from small floods and help to lessen the fury of great floods. Only by co-operation of all the New England states, however, can this section of the country make a real effort to become flood proof. At the present time the Legislatures of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire are being asked to co-operate in a joint flood control plan. The plan provides for eight retaining reservoirs, with an estimated cost of $40,575,000, of which the Federal expenditures would amount to $30,000,000.

SOME WERE LUCKY

VINEYARD HAVEN — Swains of the candle-lit era on Martha's Vineyard could measure their welcome by the length of the parlor candle, according to one bit of Americana unearthed by a WPA writer on the *American Guide*.

If the candle were short and stubby the lovesick young man knew he was not overwelcome and had better leave before the tallow guttered out.

But if happily the candle were long and tapering, he knew he was welcome and permitted to stay as long as there was any wick left burning.

COL. LYMAN.

Lt.-Col. A. K. B. Lyman, Boston District Army Engineer, who is in charge of immediate and long-range flood control for the Merrimac Valley and Maine, is assisted by Capt. Hugh J. Casey, executive officer.

Reading and Game Room Is Labor Clearing House

EAST BOSTON — The other day a nearby moving concern called up the WPA Reading and Game Room and wanted to know if there were four men available for a few days' work. Two checker games were immediately abandoned and the order was filled.

The reading room is gaining a growing reputation as a labor clearing house.

Daniel Donovan, Vice-President of the International Longshoreman's Union recently said:

"Longshoremen are busy at times, have slack periods, and are at all times on call. The Marginal Street room is a great thing for them. The foremen of the gangs are all for it. The men wait at the room for a call when a new ship docks. When the call comes, reading and games are abandoned and there is a mad rush for the docks across the street. In a few seconds the huskies have their cargo hooks ready for the new job."

Small Firehouse Will Be Big Help

LONG ISLAND — Boston's smallest firehouse is soon to be built by WPA.

Though David-like in proportion the new building will be a Goliath to the 1500 people and 16 institutional buildings on this Boston Harbor plot of land.

When complete it will be 67 feet long, 27 feet wide and one story high, housing modern and efficient fire-fighting equipment. The Island is greatly in need of adequate protection as the only existing apparatus is a hand-drawn pump and rolls of hose.

WPA PEOPLE

Overcomes Disability and Becomes Art Instructor

FRAMINGHAM — Valiantly overcoming almost total disability, and despite the fact that he is confined to a wheelchair in his home, Floyd N. Walser, 48, 105 Lake Avenue, has become one of the most successful art teachers of the District Two Recreation Project.

Many years ago Mr. Walser lost the use of both legs and of his left arm while his right arm is considerably restricted by partial paralysis. Confined to his home he devoted his time to the study of art and became so proficient that his work has been exhibited in nationally known galleries, notably the National Art Exhibit in Cleveland.

Last November he was employed as a WPA art teacher and now holds three classes daily in his home giving lessons to about 60 pupils.

Sellers and Baseball

FITCHBURG — Baseball and Tommy Sellers are synonymous to residents in and around Worcester County.

It was Tommy, now a supervisor on a local WPA Project, who started organized ball in Fitchburg a decade ago. Many athletes who later became professional and semi-pro stars were directed by Tommy.

The "Mighty Atom" Is Now WPA Worker

FITCHBURG — Daniel O'Rourke, 47, the "Mighty Atom" of the vaudeville circuits 20 years ago, is working on the Falulah Reservoir Project.

Old-timers remember O'Rourke for his prodigious feats-of-strength. Though he never weighed more than 120 pounds one of his stage stunts was to bridge himself between two chairs and support a 200-pound boulder on his chest while it was split with sledges.

Of his stage career he says:

"I guess I'm a little too old now to do it as a regular thing, but I've given a few exhibitions and don't mind it at all. It's easy when you get the hang of it."

"The Mighty Atom"

Miss Harriet Standish

Myles Standish Descendant Now Studies WPA Art

BOSTON — A life-long ambition is being fulfilled by Miss Harriet Standish, 71-year-old descendant of Capt. Myles Standish, member of the WPA Art Class, South End House, 48 Rutland Street.

Fifty years ago Miss Standish took private lessons in painting and sketching. Though circumstance forced her to take up other work she never lost her desire to become an artist.

Recently Miss Standish joined the art class and according to her instructors is an apt and interested pupil.

Old-Time Painter Is Color Wizard

SPRINGFIELD — Do you remember when automobiles required coat after coat of paint for a first class job?

If you don't, most any middle-aged man can tell you about the process.

And if you live in this city, Mike Melaney, 51 Sargent Street, expert painter and color mixer on the WPA toy repair project, will be the man to see.

Silvery-haired Mike has been painting for 43 years, is one of the few old-time auto painters. He once painted the late President Taft's automobile.

His supervisor says: "Mike is extra good. He can run a free hand stripe like a wizard."

Henry's Footwork Is Made For Dancing

TAUNTON — A boxer who fails to win is usually considered a "flop." Not so Henry Garcia, 16-year-old Negro, who wearily battled to a draw in a recent WPA tournament at the State Armory.

After the fight an NYA orchestra swung into a fast tune, and Henry, revived by the music, couldn't keep his feet from dancing. Boosted into the ring, he tap-danced like an Astaire, bringing down the house which a few minutes before had been booing his boxing.

WPA workers opening Dartmouth quahaugs

Byrd Antarctic Expedition Weather Material Being Prepared by WPA

Of great interest to scientists all over the world is a WPA project, recently started, which is preparing for publication the meteorological observations made during the Byrd Antarctic Expedition.

Working under the direct sponsorship of the United States Weather Bureau, men employed on the project are turning out the first weather study ever published by the Government on the South Polar regions, and the first ever published by any country to include observations made in the upper air over Antarctica by means of balloons, kites and airplanes.

No previous Antarctic expeditions were ever equipped to take these observations of air movements and compile other data concerning the South Polar air currents which breed much of the world's weather, according to George Grimminger, member of the expedition, who is in charge of the projects.

The facts were obtained in temperatures ranging from freezing to 72 degrees below zero. The information being compiled will make a most important contribution to meteorologists' understanding of general circulation of the atmosphere and of conditions under which cold waves and cyclonic storms breed in the frigid regions. It is also expected to be a real aid in the field of weather forecasting.

Park Street Subway Repairs

Boston — So that passengers may not be annoyed by drippings from the roof on rainy days, WPA has approved a project for waterproofing the top of Park Street Subway Station with a modern waterproof fabric.

The project also provides for laying new granolithic walks along Lafayette Mall over the subway. The present walks are badly broken in places.

More than 6000 square yards of roof will be waterproofed.

Dartmouth Quahaugs Are Expected to Rival Boston Beans

Dartmouth — Dartmouth quahaugs may become as famous as Boston baked beans if the local town-fathers decide to act upon a suggestion of Mrs. Louis McHenry Howe, widow of the President's late secretary, that they continue quahaug-canning as a town enterprise after the WPA project has served its purpose.

Mrs. Howe's suggestion was enthusiastically received at a dinner here following inspection of the cannery by WPA and town officials. Piece-de-resistance at the dinner was quahaug-chowder, the cannery's specialty.

Because delicious quahaug-chowder is practically unknown in other parts of the country, Mrs. Howe suggested:

"If the time comes when the Federal Government's contribution is withdrawn, it seems to me that the town can cash-in on all it has learned and the plant it has established. It seems likely that you will continue to have some persons unemployed, and this would be one way to provide work for them and would also supply a market for the surplus supply of quahaugs brought in by your fishermen.

"It might require further study, of course, but it seems to me that there would be a ready market awaiting you."

I. Arthur Crane, WPA co-ordinator, agreed with Mrs. Howe saying:

"I am much impressed by Mrs. Howe's suggestion, and I am seriously considering its possibilities."

Summing up benefits from the quahaug cannery, town officials pointed out—it provides employment for 24 people, helps supply nourishing food to the town's needy, and also provides a market for fishermen who otherwise would be forced on relief rolls.

The project started last December in a former school building on the state highway at North Dartmouth and has a daily production of 500, two-and-one-half pound cans.

Why Do People Join Amateur Groups?

Boston — Most of the people who join the amateur drama groups of the Adult Recreation Project do not intend to become actors or actresses.

The training gained under skilled dramatic direction helps them to acquire poise, eliminate awkwardness and improve their diction, thereby increasing their chances of bettering themselves.

For example, a doctor is seeking to correct an embarrassing stammer, a waitress is learning to gracefully use her hands and feet and a shy student is overcoming bashfulness.

Langston Hughes, seated; Ralf Coleman, on chair

Negro Poet-Playwright Commends Federal Theatre

Boston — "Good Theatre," commented Langston Hughes, nationally famous Negro poet and playwright, after seeing "Bloodstream," Federal Theatre attraction which ended a successful 10-day run at the Copley on March 27.

A personal friend of Director Ralf Coleman, Mr. Hughes made a special trip from New York to help smooth out details of the production.

"If the Federal Theatre continues to turn out plays of such high calibre we shall soon have an established national theatre on a par with those long recognized in Europe," said Mr. Hughes. "It is never wasteful to subsidize an art, you know."

Boston papers agreed that "Bloodstream," Frederick Schlick's exposé of Negro-convict life, was a thrilling blood-and-thunder melodrama.

"The Deluge," opened at the Majestic Theatre, Monday, and was enthusiastically received.

WPA Fights Oriental Hag Moth

Everett — WPA's second season of campaign against the exceedingly destructive Oriental Hag Moth and other tree pests has started with local WPA crews destroying nests and cocoons of the hag moth, the leopard moth and the more familiar gypsy and browntail moths.

Last year in this city and vicinity a tremendous increase in the hag moth was noted and Park Department officials say if it were not for the efficient work of the WPA, destruction of foliage would have been tremendous.

While last year's project was unable to completely eliminate the pest the situation is so well in hand it is expected that by the end of this summer only routine inspections and precautions will be necessary.

Easier Walking

New Bedford — Ten miles of cement sidewalks have been built by WPA to replace old concrete and flagstone walks. Some of the replaced flagstones were as old as New Bedford.

No More Sulking

Athol — In horse-and-buggy days when sulky racing was the vogue, Athol fair grounds was a mecca for thousands of horse lovers, race fans and devotees of the old-time cattle show. For many years the grounds had been unused, neglected. WPA has made the grounds into a modern recreation center.

City Plans

Lynn — Outstanding in purpose and design is Lynn's WPA Planning Board Project which is making a comprehensive city plan for the development of the city in the future—to eliminate further congestion of housing and industry.

Gleanings

All Experts

Holyoke — Thousands of pieces of finished work used on WPA projects have been turned out by the WPA shop located in the city yards. For more than a year the shop has employed skilled carpenters, painters, tinsmiths and blacksmiths.

Batter Up!

Middleboro — The sharp crack of wood meeting horsehide will dedicate the completion of a baseball diamond being built by WPA on land bequeathed the city by Thomas S. Pierce.

1937 Chickens

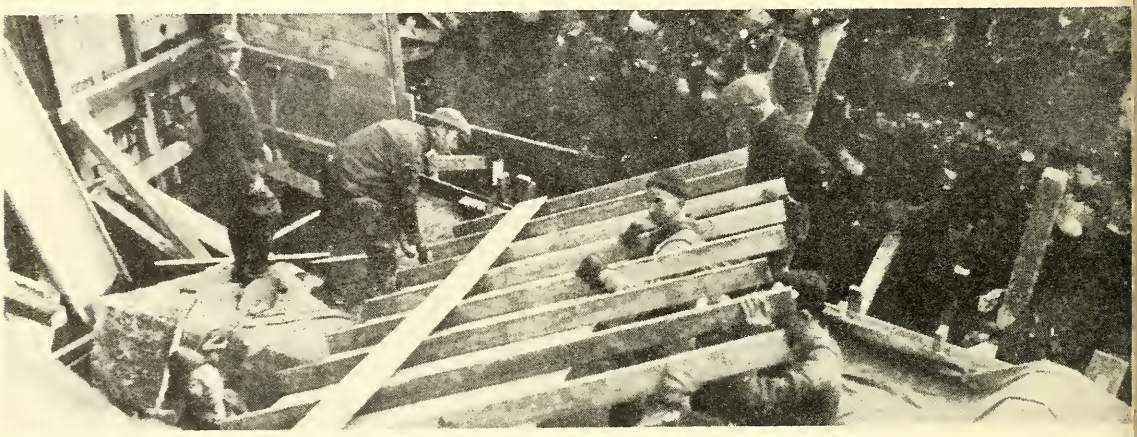
Worcester — The City Home chicke are going modern. A WPA Project is co structing individual cages for the hens no housed in a two-story structure built b WPA last December.

Reformation

Milton — From a wild and tangle swamp, full of stumps, underbrush, an the accumulated debris of years—to a bea tiful two-acre playground between two Milton's largest schools is the transform tion planned by a WPA Project whic started last week.

Fire Protection

Westfield — Westfield's City Forest, l cated in the Montgomery Mountains, wi be protected against devastating forest fi by a WPA Project which is employing men to cut fire lanes and trim scru growth.



WPA flood control workers, Water Street area, Fitchburg

Drills Helped

Brockton — Fire Drills, practised by WPA workers proved valuable some days ago when several hundred people filed out of WPA headquarters in orderly manner as a chimney fire caused slight damage. Not even a minor injury was reported.

Four Descendants

Rockport — Four descendants of early settlers, one of them descended from the very first settler in this ancient Cape Ann community, are at work for WPA copying local historical records and cataloguing local antiques in Rockport Community House, a wooden building which in 1865 housed the town's first high school.

Pursuant to the authority of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts of 1935 and 1936, the Works Progress Administration is authorized to furnish information to the public on allotments made and on the progress of all projects as they are initiated and carried forward.

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Don't Shoot, Mister!

Leominster — "He couldn't hit the si of a barn door" will not be used agai any local police officer for if practise mak perfect all of the local guardians of t law will benefit from the WPA constru tion of a pistol shooting range, which now under way at police headquarters.

No, Thanks

Everett — Rookie firemen may n thank the WPA when they stand at t top of the new 55-foot drilltower whi will be built alongside a new fire alar station by WPA. From this tower, fi men will train and drill in the maneuve necessary for efficient firefighting. Ne comers to tower work experience thri upon thrills.

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Attention All Foremen!

For a number of years large private industrial concerns ıave run courses in foremanship training for their work-ers. During the last two years the WPA in other states ıave successfully conducted such courses. If enough in-erest is shown by foremen and supervisors here in Massa-husetts, the WPA will conduct a course in foremanship raining.

Foremanship training is the training of foremen and upervisors in the administrative phases of the work they re performing. By meeting in conference with other oremen from other jobs and discussing the handling of heir jobs, the handling of their men, and their relation-hip to the rest of the WPA organization, foremen re-eive training and experience which better fits them to un their particular job, prepares them for either promo-ion or for work in private industry.

No attention will be paid to the technical skills neces-ary for running a job. It is not intended to teach men ow to become better carpenters, masons, accountants or echnicians. The purpose is to train persons to plan work, ssign jobs to proper persons under them,—to become ıore expert in their executive capacity as foremen.

The course will run for eight weeks. Two meetings ach week will be held, lasting an our and a half to two hours ach. The meetings will be held ither immediately after work on ıe project has closed for the day, r in the evening. The meeting lace will be provided by district ffices so that foremen in any one ocality can meet together. The ıeeting will consist of discussions y the foremen, with some mem-er of the administrative staff resent as leader. Attendance of oremen at meetings is voluntary. o pay can be authorized for such tendance.

The course will be open to all oremen and supervisors who sign p for the eight weeks. Naturally, ıe expense and effort of planning ıd conducting this course re-

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Bald Headed Indian!

Worcester County — In ye olden days an American militia man who was unfortunate enough to shoot a bald-headed Indian was out $20.

Not that he was fined that amount. He merely lost this sum which was paid for an Indian's scalp.

In those days a soldier never knew what his pay would be as he was paid on a piece-work basis and was fed and allowed liberal looting privileges.

The above facts, and many, many others, have been unearthed by WPA historians engaged in writing a history of early militia companies.

One Year's Work

Workers on WPA projects throughout Massachusetts in one year constructed and surfaced enough roads to reach from Worcester to Daytona Beach, Florida, renovated sufficient educational buildings to accommodate twice the number of pupils in the Boston schools and built enough sidewalks and paths to stretch from Cape Cod to Philadelphia.

Playgrounds were built in sufficient area to give 15,000 children plenty of room for healthful recreation and enough swimming pools were constructed to provide water sport for 10,000 children and adults.

WPA workers installed water mains throughout the state which if laid end to end would reach from Worcester to Springfield, set up sufficient new fire boxes to protect a city the size of Cambridge and improved public airport hangars capable of housing 130 planes.

These comparisons are drawn from a report issued by national administrator Harry L. Hopkins, which briefly surveys some of the physical accomplishments and permanent improvements achieved by WPA workers in the state during one year of operation of the program.

The report states that in Massachusetts 100 new public buildings were erected by WPA and 800 others repaired or improved. These have a total floor space of approximately 20,000,000 square feet.

Flood and erosion control projects resulted in construction and repair of 75,000 feet of retaining walls and revetments, 24 erosion terraces covering 100,000 square feet and docks, wharves and piers totaling 19,600 square feet. They also included extensive grading, river bank improvements, riprap, dredging and stream bed improvements as recounted in detail in the previous Bulletin.

Conservation projects included planting of 219,000 trees, stocking of streams with 16,615,000 fish and stocking game to the number of 25,000.

Nearly 8000 street signs were put up by WPA to aid strangers in finding their way throughout

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Pretty Pingponger's Playing Panics Powerful Performers

Blue Hill Neighborhood—Seventeen-year-old Natalie Block doesn't ask any favors from men in athletic competition.

To her delight and the chagrin of more than a dozen members of the "stronger and more skilled" sex, Natalie, in an open ping-pong tourney sponsored by the WPA Reading and Game Room at Dorchester's Hecht House, battled her way past opponent after opponent to reach the semi-finals.

The fact that Natalie was beaten by her sixth male opponent in this series doesn't detract from her ability or make the men of the district any more sure of themselves. For Natalie is in there swinging at all tournaments and observers insist she will become house champion before many more months.

Odd Noise Makers Featured In South American Concert

Boston—If you took a ginger ale bottle and half-filled it with broken glass you would have the equivalent of the Caxumbu, one of many strange instruments played recently when Byrle Marx, internationally famous conductor, led the WPA State Symphony Orchestra in a special South American program at the Majestic Theatre.

Other instruments played during the program were: Chocalhos—tin cans half-filled with pebbles; Motroces—typical New Year's Eve rattles; Reconecos—wooden saws with coarse teeth which are scraped across bamboo sticks; Guisos—much like sleigh bells.

CCC Amateur Sends Message Half Way Round the World

Melrose—If John Wood, member of the CCC camp, Breakheart Reservation, seems a little high-hat these days his friends are advised . . . don't be alarmed.

John has every reason to walk the clouds. The reason? Radio Signals flashed by John from the camp sending and receiving set, have been picked up by members of the Leith Radio Listeners Club, Sydney, Australia.

A letter received from "Down Under" last week advised John that his signals had covered the intervening 10,000 miles.

For an operator to contact such a distant point is high honor. John, who is one of 15 youths attending the WPA radio class, can be excused for being mighty proud.

Worker Suggests Project; Becomes Its Supervisor

Boston—Early in 1936 Maurice Gilgoff, junior engineer on a WPA sanitary project, had an idea.

Unlike most of us Mr. Gilgoff saw his idea through and is today supervisor of a WPA project for salvaging sanitary division records of the local public works department, a project he conceived.

Mr. Gilgoff's project has been so successful work has been enlarged to include all records of the public works department.

Learns Basketball On WPA; Becomes A Certified Official

Fitchburg—"I learned whatever basketball I know on the WPA Project where I was given a chance to do actual officiating."

This statement was made by James Coleman, recreation official, after he was notified that he had passed an examination to become a certified official of the Eastern Board of Approved Officials.

Mr. Coleman has worked on the WPA Project for the last two years. This season he worked in preliminary games at the Fitchburg High School. In the fall he hopes to be assigned to feature contests.

"Sissy Stuff" Pays Dividends

Boston, March 30—It was "sissy stuff" to Carmen Caruso, 19, of 4 Trenton Street, East Boston, when a little over a year ago he enrolled in the WPA-sponsored amateur East Boston Community Theatre. Since then, however, he has won an elocution-scholarship and has definite hope of a radio-announcer's job in June—all due to the voice-training and poise which he acquired.

Mosquitoes Lose Home

Hyde Park—Another permanent monument to WPA is rapidly taking place in the Wood Avenue section where workmen are transforming a 13-acre tract of mosquito breeding marshland into a modern athletic field, playground and recreation center. The new field will aid High School athletes who have had to train on a field two miles distance.

"Ahoy There!"

Fall River—Sea-going "rules of the road," piloting, chartwork, boat construction, radio code and other salty subjects are being studied by 40 members of the WPA Navigation Class. While the course is now chiefly concerned with theory the class is expected to receive practical instruction aboard ship this summer.

In a very few months the Greenfield WPA Recreation Center will furnish water fighting fun as pictured above.

Readying Huge Recreation Field For Summer Sport Enthusiasts

Greenfield—The crack of bats and the swish of girls' skipping ropes are ushering in the sport season of the 33 acre WPA Recreation Center at the northern end of the city.

In three or four months' time the full recreational facilities of the huge park will be taxed with sport lovers of all ages making use of the wading and swimming pools, baseball and softball diamonds, horseshoe pitching rings, picnic grounds and special play places for smaller children.

Additional WPA improvements to the park are now underway and will include the repairing of 135 yards of rip-rap, construction of 910 feet of masonry wall, building of 11 fireplaces, 13 picnic tables and three benches, the laying of gravel foot paths, the clearing of the wading and swimming pools, the construction of tar sidewalks, the landscaping of a large parking area and the painting of buildings and equipment.

To Stage "The Desert Song" After Beethoven Symphonies

Boston—The evening of May 3 will mark the Federal Music Project's first venture into the field of light opera, with Sigmund Romberg's great musical romance, "The Desert Song," chosen for presentation at the Majestic Theatre.

A cast of 100 capable performers and an orchestra of 50 musicians will be included in the production, which will be a topnotch presentation if the rehearsals are any indication. A week's run is scheduled.

On April 18 the project will bring to a close at the Majestic the Sunday night series of Beethoven Symphonies with the performance of the famous Ninth Symphony. Some time after the presentation of the light opera the project will begin a series of Tschaikowsky Symphonies.

"Biddy" McMahon, marathon runner, also gives instruction in baseball and other sports.

"Biddy" McMahon Has Eye On the 1940 Japan Olympics

WORCESTER—Have you ever watched a marathon runner struggle down the last torturing mile to the finish line?

Has your body ached in sympathy to the terrific strain that 20 blistering miles of up-hill and down-dale plodding exact on the finely-conditioned athlete?

Have you wondered what the runner was thinking of, who he is and where he came from and how he ever became interested in such grueling relaxation?

If you have you will understand why Francis "Biddy" McMahon, director of the Greendale WPA Recreation Center, spends most of the day answering countless questions asked by his young charges.

"Biddy" is the outstanding marathon runner of Worcester county, was the winner of the Washington race, finished second in the Ashland-Boston run last year and was a member of the U. S. Team at the Berlin Olympics.

"Biddy" doesn't mind answering questions and if you ask him about his racing future he will smile and tell you he has his eye on the Olympics to be run in Japan, 1940.

Banks — Newhall School Aces

WALTHAM—In competition with 1642 units of the Boston Wing of the National Junior Air Organization, the WPA trained Junior Birdmen of the Banks-Newhall School beat their nearest rival by almost 200 points.

The Banks-Newhall School unit, comprises 58 active young air enthusiastics and is one of 10 local school units trained under the direction of the WPA Recreation Division.

New Fort Devens Airport To Make Air Travel Safe

AYER—"This location will be of immense value in making Northern New England safe for air travel."

Lt.-Col. J. M. Moore, sponsor's agent in charge of the new airport under construction by WPA at Fort Devens, who made the above statement, added: "The new field will be one of the most important links in the chain of emergency landing fields to be built across New England. It also adds to the value of the camp as a training base."

The new airport will cover 184 acres, will contain two diagonal runways crossing in the center of the field and one double-width runway down the field center. Runways will be of gravel and concrete aprons will be laid before the hangars.

The project is now employing 11 men, will employ 300 at its peak and is expected to be finished late this summer.

Removing Grime From Paintings Increases Value By Thousands

BOSTON—Cracked and discolored canvases, believed worthless after a century's wear on the walls of Boston's public schools, are being turned into valuable paintings by WPA Restoration Projects.

Beneath the grime and dirt of passing years expert workers are finding paintings of great historical significance, many of which were presented to the schools by graduating classes which have long since passed away.

Hundreds of oil paintings and pictures, representing an increased value of $35,000, are being restored by the project which is operating with headquarters at the famous Boys' Latin School.

ATTENTION ALL FOREMEN

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quires the assurance of a sufficient number of persons interested in joining the course.

The training course will be started in any locality where sufficient interest by foremen and supervisors is shown.

The Bulletin wants to get the reaction of foremen and supervisors to this proposed foremanship training course. Any foreman interested in having a course in his locality should write the Bulletin, Room 430, Park Square Building, Boston, Massachusetts. If enough interest is shown, the course will start this spring.

Better Park Benches

HAVERHILL—This city's hundreds of old-style, wooden, park benches, will soon be no more.

WPA and the local park department are replacing them with 1000 California-style benches constructed with concrete supports and back braces with seats of thick wooden slats.

"Faithful Nurses"

SALEM—Paying tribute to WPA nurses, the Salem Board of Health states in its annual report: "The faithfulness of WPA nurses and their desire to aid the afflicted has been demonstrated many times; ever ready to answer a sick call they are not solicitous of their own welfare, but respond wherever duty calls. . ."

Swing High — Swing Low

WEST SPRINGFIELD—Play equipment for seven local playgrounds which will greatly enlarge their facilities and activities are being made by WPA workmen. Equipment includes, volley-ball posts, seesaw frames, sandboxes, marble rings, swing frames, pingpong frames, slides, trapezes and diving boards.

ONE YEAR'S WORK

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the state, 95 miles of fire trails were blazed to provide protection in rural communities, 42 parks and fair grounds were built and improved to give more facilities for pleasure and 18 sewage treatment plants with a daily capacity of 4,000,000 gallons constructed to better public health conditions.

The summary showed completed 171 new or repaired drainage ditches, which drain 17,700 acres. Other water supply, sanitation and drainage improvements include the building and repairing of sewage treatment plants, catch basins, storage dams, pumping stations, water mains and wells.

A total of 6,252,700 garments were made in the sewing rooms and 5,602,657 distributed to needy people on relief. School lunches numbering 453,680 were served.

These tabulations of WPA projects cover only such work as was completed during the first year of the operation of the program, dating from September 1935 through last September. Work in progress but not completed at the time of the survey was not included.

In making the report public Hopkins stressed that a vast amount of similar work is not covered. The purpose of the summary, he said, is to present an inventory of physical accomplishment in the major types of projects, although the great diversity of activities has made it impossible to include all the projects in a condensed statement.

Water for Artists

ROCKPORT—Bearskin Neck, artists' summer colony, is to have plenty of water this summer. Thirty-five WPA workers are digging a trench for six-inch water mains on Wharf and South roads.

Salvage Waste Land

FITCHBURG—Eventual income of $450,000, to be derived from the sale of burial lots, will benefit this city when WPA work projects on Forest Hill and Laurel cemeteries are completed. Almost 200,000 square feet of waste land are being transformed into a fine cemetery by the work projects.

Sewer Systems

CAMBRIDGE—Nine local sewer projects, consolidated under a new blanket program, are pushing rapidly ahead under the WPA and city sewer system overhaul program. Plans include instalation of the dual system for storm water and sewage disposal and the placing of many manholes and catch basins.

Gleanings

"Play Ball!"

CHICOPEE—Armed with axes, shovels and mattocks, 100 WPA workers are clearing Bemis Tract, a barren 70-acre area near the High School where a large recreation park will be built. The project plans call for football and baseball fields, softball and tennis courts, a parking area and grandstand.

Life Saving

BOSTON—Thousands of lives will be safeguarded by a citywide WPA project to repaint 40 miles of white traffic lines and 600 signal posts.

Smoke Eaters Parade

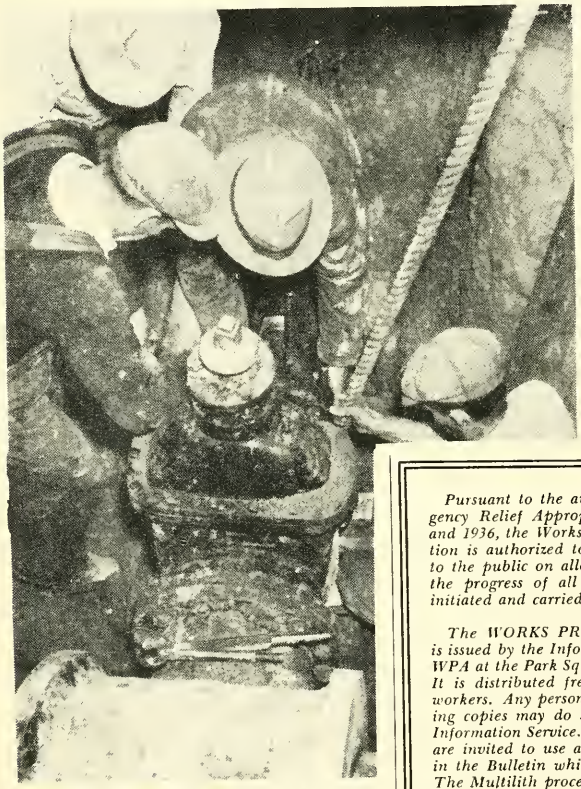
SOUTH DEERFIELD—A parade featured by an antiquated pumping outfit and horse-drawn steamer followed by modern motor equipment, was a main event at the recent dedication of the brick fire station recently completed by WPA. The new station serves Deerfield as well as this town.

"Let's Dig Here"

IPSWICH—This 300-year-old town has never had a map of its water system. Finding the exact location of thousands of feet of pipe and hundreds of gates and hydrants is like hunting the proverbial needle in the haystack. WPA is employing 10 men to make an accurate map of the entire system.

Rough on English

LAWRENCE—The textbook, "Speaking and Writing English," was one of the most roughly handled books, according to WPA book repairers who are renovating 60,000 volumes for the public schools.



CAMBRIDGE—WPA workers setting valve in place during construction of water main.

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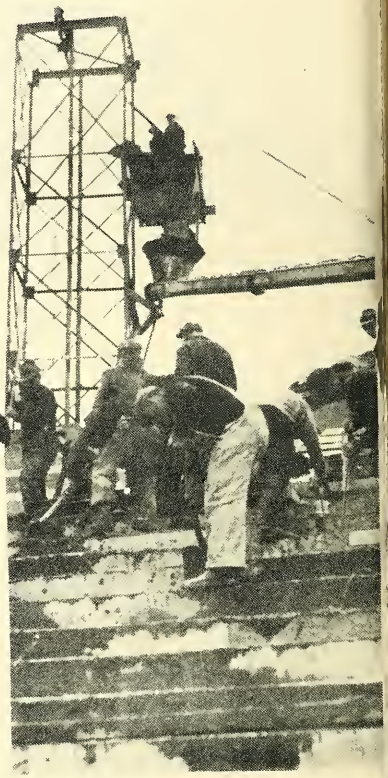

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WPA Checks Now Sent By Mail

On and after May 1st all project employees except those working on projects in Boston proper, Cambridge, Somerville, Malden, Everett, Chelsea, Revere and Medford, will receive their checks through the mail.

To prevent any delay or miscarrying of the mail each worker must keep his timekeeper informed at all times of any changes in addresses.

If a worker does not receive his check promptly he should immediately notify his timekeeper so that the lost check may be traced.

The United States Treasury Department has taken over the distribution of checks to WPA workers throughout the United States. This is in line with the policy being followed in other government agencies.

For some time this system of mailing checks by the Treasury Department has been successfully operated in the State of Pennsylvania, where there are 225,000 workers.

Other states in which this procedure is being followed are very enthusiastic and indicate that the worker receives many advantages over the old hand method of distribution.

In Massachusetts, the mailing of checks has been tested out over the last few weeks, during which time thousands of checks were mailed to various cities and towns, out of which only seven were returned because of incorrect addresses. The seven checks thus returned were re-mailed after the correct address had been learned and the workers received their checks after a delay of only one or two days.

During the tests it was found that those who did not receive their checks promptly were at fault in not informing the timekeepers of their proper mailing address.

Franked postcards are being printed and will be in the hands of all timekeepers within the next few days. These cards will be used in notifying the Treasury disbursing officer of any change in a worker's address. Again we emphasize that each worker must keep the timekeeper informed at all times of his correct address to prevent any delay in the receiving of his check.

The Treasury disbursing officer has been assured by postal authorities that every effort will be made to give prompt delivery of checks to workers and that all check envelopes will be treated as first class mail.

PAY DAY

Notice to Supervisors and Foremen:

The response from supervisors and foremen all over the State the proposed courses in foremanship training has been so couraging that preliminary steps are being taken immediately put the courses in operation. Plans are being made to start urses in certain places.

Conference leaders will be selected from those among our staff o have had the broadest technical and general experience and ve demonstrated leadership and interest in our program. They ll be given intensive training for a period not to exceed one ek.

Colonel McDonough is so pleased with the enthusiastic reonse from many of these supervisors and foremen that he has en the "go ahead" signal for the starting of these courses in as ort a time as possible.

Dreams of Aviation Enthusiasts Become Reality at Montague

MONTAGUE — Dreams of local air enthusiasts, who some years ago started an airport visualizing one of the finest flying fields in the state will soon be realized.

WPA workers are clearing 300 acres of waste and timber land, building Montague Airport, which will be one of the largest fields in this section of New England.

Montague, which purchased land from local citizens, with WPA, is carrying out the original ideas of these men who foresaw the future of aviation.

Three runways, which will allow planes to land or take-off in any direction, are being built and a parking area which will accommodate 900 automobiles is included in the development.

The field is 32 air miles from Springfield and 79 air miles from Boston. During the flood last year when Turners Falls was isolated after three bridges were carried away, food supplies were flown to the airport for the marooned residents.

Leemingville Parents Breathe Easier; New Playground Will Save Windows

FALL RIVER — Broken windows and scarred lawns have been the bane of residents of the attractive, well-to-do Leemingville district, whose children, having no public playground, have been forced to carry on their baseball and football tourneys in each other's back yards.

Several months ago a thousand residents of this area signed a petition to have a two-acre plot, acquired by the city for a future school site, turned into a playground.

Work started by WPA four months ago has progressed far enough to reveal that the area is going to be an ideal recreation spot. In one corner, trees will be left standing for those who want to play quietly. The remainder of the field will be devoted to more strenuous sports such as tennis, baseball and football.

"Uncle Bill" Dreghorn True Friend To Hundreds of Taunton Youngsters

TAUNTON — Officially William Dreghorn is an instructor in basketry at the WPA Postoffice Square recreation project. Actually he is "Uncle Bill" to hundreds of children, jack-of-all trades, general fixer and occasional barber.

If a kite won't fly, a model airplane refuse to soar, or anything else goes wrong, youngsters run to Mr. Dreghorn. All-sufficient he repairs the broken toy or solves a youthful problem.

Being a barber by trade he sometimes trots out his clippers, comb and scissors and gives a shaggy child a haircut.

"It doesn't cost me anything" he says "and it makes them happier."

Varied Resources of Six States Are Studied in WPA Research

BOSTON — High-up on the twenty-first floor of the Federal Building, with part of New England spread out under their eyes, 30 WPA workers — draftsmen, librarians, stenographers and clerks — are hard at work assisting the New England Planning Commission in its task of co-ordinating plans for the exploitation of the varied resources in this six-state area of mountains, plains, rivers and forests.

This group and a similar body working with the Massachusetts State Planning Board, 175 Congress Street, are collectively identified as Federal Project No. 3.

The work in brief is a co-ordinated analysis of all such resources as rivers, highways, parks, waterways, railways, population and industry. These results are tabulated, or mapped, or described in pamphlet form according to which medium best conveys the information. The finished product is available without charge to any interested person.

A. H. Towne Finds Life Miserable

SPRINGFIELD — The cutting of an extra door in the office of A. H. Towne, chief project engineer, is making life miserable for that official.

The wall is three feet thick and the resulting pounding makes telephoning a series of shouting and "What Says?" Dust from the operation covers everything and Mr. Towne good naturedly grumbles: "It wouldn't take a Sherlock Holmes to track me down. Everywhere I go my footprints leave white records."

5000 Cases of Acute Alcoholism Cost Boston $400,000 Annually

BOSTON — More than 5000 cases of acute alcoholism, costing this city nearly $400,000, are treated annually at the Boston City Hospital.

The above figures apply to the Boston City Hospital alone. The economic loss to the city, state and individuals can be estimated in millions of dollars annually.

In the hope of reducing the staggering social cost of this problem, city, state and federal officials are making a study of the methods of treatment and causes of alcoholism in individuals.

A WPA project employing more than 50 persons is engaged in an alcoholic survey, sponsored by the Boston City Hospital. Study is being made with the case histories and medical procedure. The contact with the patients is exclusively in the hands of the medical staff of the hospital. The laboratory and clerical work is being done by the WPA.

Somebody Is Wrong

SPRINGFIELD — Gloating over what they consider a "phenomenally victorious season" in which they gave the "big shots" of the Boston office several beatings last year, the Softball Stars of the District Six office are getting in trim for this year.

Boston athletes insist their team won every game played, add that the Springfield outfit only talk a good game and hint that the Springfield umpires are robbers.

Bulletin observers claim that the actions of the ageing softball players are better entertainment than ball playing.

WOBURN — Members of the Woburn Recreation Project are now dressed in white ducks and sweat shirts furnished by the city.

WPA INSTRUCTORS VISIT SHUT-INS

CHELSEA — Instruction in arts and crafts are given convalescent children by WPA instructors who visit each child twice weekly.

Convalescent Children Cheered By Arts and Craft Instruction

CHELSEA—Twice each week convalescent children of this city eagerly await instructors who make available every branch of WPA instruction furnished in regular classes.

Instruction in painting, drawing and handicraft is given, special aptitudes are encouraged and teachers furnish each child with training in the particular branch which is most appealing to them.

The project is sponsored by the Chelsea School Department.

Each child is allowed to keep his or her own work and many a local home is decorated with paintings, drawings and little articles of handicraft which are more valuable to the parents of the children than all the paintings in the Louvre.

Old Covered Bridge is Preserved

LUDLOW — One of Massachusetts few remaining covered bridges, important connecting link over the Chicopee River between Ludlow and Wilbraham, is being repaired by the WPA.

The project is employing 10 skilled carpenters, 11 laborers, a foreman, timekeeper, first aid man and truck driver.

Each year the picturesque bridge is visited by thousands, most of whom have never before seen a covered bridge.

Milford World War Memorial

MILFORD — Among the 800 names that will appear on the World War Memorial being constructed by WPA are those of many buddies of James Giacommuzzi, one of the builders.

Giacommuzzi, who served 20 months with the A.E.F., is one of the tool sharpeners busy keeping the instruments of the granite cutters keen.

New WPA Rockland Bathing Pool To Make Happier, Healthier Summer

ROCKLAND — "Our kids will have a healthier, happier summer than they've ever had before in their lives," said M. Warren Wright, local citizen, speaking of the WPA Reed Park Bathing Beach project.

Under construction is a wading pool with a sandy bottom. Shrubbery is being planted. The pond shore has been cleared and sanded, steps and platforms have been built and the adjacent land beautified.

Former Welterweight Amateur Champ Makes Big Hit as Instructor

FITCHBURG — As former New England amateur 160 pound boxing champion, "Babe" DiConza could hit.

"Babe" is now making a bigger hit as instructor of the local WPA boxing class. Among his pupils are several promising youngsters who can hold their own against almost any amateurs of their weight, according to the former champ.

Salvaged Quincy Building Materials Are Used in Norfolk, Virginia

QUINCY — Materials salvaged from a demolition project at the Squantum Naval Base are being used by WPA workers in Norfolk, Virginia, who are building a new machine shop for the Navy.

The local workers are tearing down an obsolete building used during the war for ship building. All of the structural steel, and other materials, is shipped by the Navy to Norfolk to be reused.

The razing of the Squantum structure, which adjoined the airport, eliminates a flying hazard and gives more area to the port.

Discover $750,000 Taxtitle Errors; Fifth of Titles Found Faulty

BOSTON — Errors in taxtitles totaling more than $750,000 have been discovered and corrected by the WPA legal-assessing project during examination of Suffolk County taxtitles for 1932 and 1933. Approximately 20% of the 17,000 titles examined were found to contain errors, according to Supervisor Eugene Quinlan.

The Boston assessors are notified of errors and an effort made to correct the title, thus insuring the city's authority to collect.

The group project-members are now checking 1934 documents.

Any of the following errors (found by the WPA group) may invalidate a title held by the city for nonpayment of taxes; faulty description of property on which assessments have been made, incorrect description of location or abutters, misspelled name of owner, and successive taxtitles on record on the same parcel.

There are 75 lawyers and 25 laymen on the project.

Non-lawyers of the project have been specially trained in the work, particularly in the procedure of conveyancing.

Officials of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds are enthusiastic over the work of the project, which has corrected errors which might cause considerable litigation.

Visitors From All Sections Will Benefit From Added Improvements

NORTHAMPTON — This city is justly proud of Look Memorial Park, 130-acre recreational site which has attracted more than 2,000,000 people since its construction in 1930.

Any Saturday or Sunday, cars from many sections of the country and from Canada and Mexico may be seen in the parking spaces.

Nearly a hundred WPA workmen are preparing the grounds for the summer season. They have built a frame garage and storage building, have done grading, trimming and resurfacing work, have built an iris pool and water gardens, relocated and widened roads, rip-rapped Mill River, built rustic gates and bridges, built culverts, repaired flood damage, built new roads and paths, constructed a Girl Scout's cabin and made additions to the swimming pool building.

A $15 Bite

LYNN — Probably everybody who eats an oyster hopes to find a pearl.

Mrs. Catherine M. Crowe, WPA sewing project worker, is one of the few people who has realized such an ambition.

Recently while eating an oyster she found a pearl valued by a local jeweler at $15.

Gleanings

Knows His Coins

FITCHBURG — Coin collecting is the hobby of Roland R. Moxley, WPA worker, and his opinion and advice is eagerly sought. He is often called in to appraise coin collections in various sections of the state.

Quarries Open Up

SALEM — Arrival of seasonable weather has put 225 WPA employees at work on quarry projects in Beverly, Haverhill and Salem.

Carry Off Rain

NORTH ADAMS — Two shifts of expert workers, totaling 75 men, are rushing work on a WPA storm sewer project on Massachusetts Avenue.

Better Sewers

NORTH ANDOVER — Seven important sewers, nearly blocked by the twisted roots of large trees, are being relaid by a WPA project which is employing more than 200 men.

New Walks

WORCESTER — The old fashioned brick sidewalks of this city are fast disappearing. WPA workers are replacing them with neat and modern granolithic walks.

Better Duck!

CHICOPEE — National Guardsmen will peer along gun barrels and blaze away this summer at WPA Targets recently installed on the State Militia Range.

Good Road Ahead

SPRINGFIELD — Years of petitioning by residents of Connecticut Avenue for a good road have brought results. The city has started a WPA project to resurface the road.

Lucky Thirteen

AMESBURY — Thirteen may be considered an unlucky number by many persons but the 13 families in the Whitehall Street district consider themselves lucky. A recently started WPA Project will soon give them town drinking water.

WPA QUARRIES OWN STONE

WORCESTER — Workers at the Green Hill Quarry (left) are shown cutting out granite stone which is used in the construction of the WPA Mill Street wall, right.

Neighborhood Benefits

SOUTHBRIDGE — Installation of a sewer in Harding Court will eliminate cesspools, long a bane in neighborhood life. The WPA will also install 15 manholes during the course of work which will be completed in about two months.

Air-Minded Youth

FRAMINGHAM — Memorial Junior High School and Framingham High School, in co-operation with the local WPA Recreation Project, now offer classes for girls and boys in aeronautics.

Obits and Biogs

WORCESTER — A complete record of all obituaries and biographies that have appeared in local newspapers since 1875, a total of about 100,000 cases, is being compiled by WPA workers in the Worcester branch of the American Antiquarian Society.

"Ol Debil Sea"

SALEM — WPA has started reconstruction of an undermined section of the Canal Street sea-wall where the fast running tides have caused the wall to bulge and the adjacent roadbed to settle.

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Good Pitching

LUNENBURG — Miss Margaret Proctor, local high school teacher who can hurl a javelin farther than most men, a member of the U. S. Olympic team in 1932, is a volunteer worker on the local WPA Recreation Project.

Youthful Elder

BOSTON — Not one to retire to a chimney-corner simply because he is well along in years, Albert Talbert, 75-year-old Negro of 80 Munroe Street, is the oldest member of the arts and crafts class sponsored by the WPA Recreation Division at Harriet Tubman House. Mr. Talbert specializes in rug making.

Scar Removal

AUBURN — Scars of last year's flood will be removed from several streets, and narrow Elm Street will be widened, by a WPA project which employs 40 men and is expected to last about three months.

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SOCIAL SECURITY REGISTRATION

PERSONNEL POLICY

During the past six months there have been a number of changes in administra-
e personnel. At this time, with the appointment of Mr. C. B. Hall as Director
Operations (Mr. Hall has been transferred from the Public Works Administra-
n where he was Regional Engineer with headquarters in Boston), and the
nding appointment of a new District Director for District No. 4, the Bulletin
ok occasion to review some of the major changes which have occurred over
e past few months. The record brings to light a clear policy of filling new
cancies by promoting from within the staff. Here's part of the record:

Name	Old Position	New Position
urence J. Bresnahan	*Supervisor, Div. of Employment*	*Director, Div. of Employment*
orge H. Cottell	*Asst. Supervisor, Div. of Employment*	*Supervisor, Div. of Employment*
erett E. Gillis	*Asst. Director of Finance*	*Director of Finance*
ınk W. Kneeland	*Chief Accountant*	*Asst. Director of Finance*
nis Delaney	*Asst. Director, District No. 2*	*District Director, Dist. No. 2*
rl Rogers	*Executive Assistant*	*Executive Assistant Director, Div. of Education and Recreation*
uis Varrichione	*State Field Engineer for Recreation, formerly Supervisor of Framingham Recreation Project*	*Supervisor, Div. of Education and Recreation, Dist. No. 2*
niel A. Martin	*Dist. Field Engineer for Recreation*	*Supervisor, Div. of Education and Recreation, Dist. No. 6*
B. Hall	*Regional Engineer, Public Works Admin.*	*Director, Division of Operations*
'son S. McCraw	*Chief Clerk*	*Executive Assistant, District No. 6*
ıl F. Mackesey	*Chief Clerk in District No. 1*	*Supervisor, Div. of Recreation and Education, Dist. No. 1*

The record speaks for itself. It is apparent that a conscious policy of promoting
se who have done good work has been followed during these months. And we
informed that this policy will be followed in the future.

This in part explains the anxiety of WPA to start the Foremanship Training
rses. The more thoroughly supervisors and foremen know their jobs, the
re opportunity they will have when vacancies occur in higher positions.

WPA workers are not entitled to participate in the benefits of the Social Security Act while working for the WPA. They should, however, register with the Social Security Board in order that they may participate in the benefits of this act as soon as they obtain private employment. There have been instances in which WPA workers have failed to obtain private employment because they have not registered with the Social Security Board.

[This registration in no way affects WPA workers' certifications of eligibility.]

To correct this, WPA offices have established a procedure whereby all WPA workers who have not registered with the Social Security Board may become registered. Social Security Form SS-5 will be distributed from the district office to all project workers. Project workers who have not yet filled out Form SS-5 should fill out this form accurately and completely. The forms will be collected on the project and sent in to the district offices. From there the District Directors will send them to the nearest post office designated to receive forms for Social Security account numbers. The post offices will give to each application an account number and return the account number card to the district office. After the district office has registered the account number with the proper office of the United States Employment Service the account number cards will be distributed to WPA workers who have filled out the SS-5 form. This card will be kept by the worker.

The Bulletin asks each project worker to cooperate fully in this registration with the Social Security Board. Workers will only have to receive the Form SS-5, fill it out accurately and completely and return it to their timekeeper. There will be no need for reporting to any office or interviewing any persons.

WPA workers will not be required to pay out any money, nor will they be eligible for any benefits while working on the WPA. Registration with the Social Security Board is only to insure that WPA workers will be covered by the Social Security Act after entering private employment.

Build Six Miles of Curbs To Complete Street Projects

The straight curb molds are filled.

A setting of circular curbs are hatched.

Ready and waiting to go to work.

WPA Seeded Clam Beds Paying Big Dividends

KINGSTON — Unrestricted digging and the attacks of shellfish enemies had practically wiped out the clams and quahaugs of this section three years ago.

Today a flourishing shellfish industry exists on the flats of Kingston Bay.

The big change has been brought about through reseeding of clam flats and extermination of shellfish enemies by WPA workers.

During the past 16 months 31,500 bushels of clams have been dug on the once barren town owned flats. Value of this crop was $37,600.

The projects have renewed the supply of a valuable food, rid the section of destructive cockles and mussels and provided employment for a group of men who otherwise would have had to seek aid from the town.

Projects were carried on under the direction of the State Department of Marine Fisheries. License fees for digging clams have repaid the town for its contribution to the cost of the work. Through close regulation of licenses town officials will restrict digging and maintain the supply of shellfish. Destruction of shellfish enemies will be undertaken whenever necessary to protect the defenceless clams and quahaugs.

Builds Six Miles of Curbs To Complete Street Projects

WAKEFIELD — This town's recently completed precast curbing project has in the past three years turned out nearly six miles of straight curbing and 1200 corner blocks. Fifteen thousand feet of this curbing has already been put in place along Main Street in the Greenwood section of Wakefield without the tedious accompaniment of forms and cement mixers.

The work has been going on in the Old Foundry at the corner of Maple and Foundry streets since the winter of 1934 when 5000 feet of curbing and 200 driveway corner-blocks were turned out. Each succeeding winter has seen production stepped up by one-third.

Four beds divided into curb-size molds were capable of producing 960 feet of curbing per setting. Circular molds produced four corner-curbs at a time. A quick drying cement made a 36 hour turn-over possible. Rails and hand-cars were bought second-hand so that dangerous lifting and subsequent injury to workmen could be avoided.

The Federal allotment for the last unit of work starting January 26, 1937 was $8576. The town's share came to $3048. The workers received ninety percent of the Federal funds in salaries.

WPA Develops Champions

Two Trained In Worcester

WORCESTER — To the WPA recreation project here goes credit for developing two fistic champions, Homer Robichaud, New England bantamweight titlist and Cecil Spevey, Worcester county featherweight champion.

Both young men were without boxing knowledge when they were taken in hand by Joseph Pusateri, supervisor, and John Dowd, general recreation supervisor here.

Robichaud battled his way up through the ranks of amateurs and recently won his New England bantamweight title by defeating Martin Tabor, Rhode Island champion.

Spevey became Worcester county featherweight champion by defeating Amorici Conti, Massachusetts state champion, in a bout for the county title.

Let's Have the News

THE BULLETIN has six reporters to cover news of 90,000 WPA workers throughout the state.

You can help them cover WPA projects and people and make the BULLETIN more interesting by getting in touch with your district reporter at district headquarters whenever you have an interesting item, suggestion or idea. Our reporters have other duties in addition to reporting for the BULLETIN.

We would also like to see some of the work of you amateur photographers of WPA.

When you have news for the BULLETIN please get in touch with one of the following reporters:

DISTRICT ONE—O. W. Brown.
DISTRICT TWO—Edwin J. Johnson.
DISTRICT THREE—Frank J. Keefe.
DISTRICT FOUR—Gardiner T. Hart.
DISTRICT FIVE—Ernest A. Stolba.
DISTRICT SIX—Percy E. Bassett.

Putting Lynn On Map

LYNN — In a corner of the WPA building on Stewart Street is a project sponsored by the city planning board which will prove of great value to the city in future years.

The project employing civil engineers and draftsmen is "putting Lynn on the map."

The map shows zoning, population, school population, sewer systems, drainage, fire protection, streets, wards, precincts, catch basins, fire department "runs" and districts, and about everything else which has to do with municipal government.

Arts and Craft Student To Open Gift Shop

QUINCY — Most practical use of free instruction in pottery making is being made by Mrs. Hedda Jyllka of West Quincy who is about to capitalize her knowledge by opening up a gift shop.

During the past year Mrs. Jyllka has become adept in several branches of handicraft at the WPA recreation project. She excells in pottery making and has sold many examples of her art since acquiring the skill at the project.

Louis M. Douglas, her instructor at the recreation project, will be a guest of honor at the formal opening of the handicraft shop in the near future.

More Housekeeping Aids

FALL RIVER — Three new housekeeping aide projects have been recently started in Fall River, New Bedford and Brockton. The three projects employ 60 practical housekeepers who assist in homes where illness or other misfortune has incapacitated a wife or mother.

Housekeeping aide projects in District Four are now operating in Fall River, New Bedford, Brockton, Taunton, Rockland, Abington, Plymouth, Marion and Provincetown.

NOTICE

A committee composed of C. B. Hall, Director of Operations, Colonel Thomas F. Sullivan, Director of District Three, and Denis Delaney, Director of District Two, is hard at work preparing schedules of courses for the foremanship training courses. Picked persons from each district will come into Boston within the next ten days for an intensive period of training as instructors for these courses.

Alewife Brook Project

CAMBRIDGE — Beauty, health and safety recommend the WPA project to widen and clear Alewife Brook, according to Mayor John D. Lynch of this city.

The cleared and widened stream bed will be able to carry away storm waters from the residential section bordering Concord Avenue. The faster current will prevent formation of stagnant pools which act as mosquito breeding places. Work along the banks will beautify the entire area.

Mashpee Indian Children Nourished By Project

By Gardiner Hart

MASHPEE — Starvation stalked grimly through the rude huts of Plymouth during that first terrible winter of 1620. Meager food supplies left on the Mayflower after the long journey across the harsh Atlantic were practically gone. More than half the little band of Pilgrims were sick.

The glorious page of history devoted to the Pilgrims of Plymouth might well have been but a tragic paragraph in the story of America had it not been for the Mashpee Indians of Cape Cod. For it was the Mashpees who literally saved the Pilgrims from starvation.

Although the Indians were having difficulty themselves in getting through a particularly bitter winter they freely shared their corn and game with the starving Pilgrims. They showed the Pilgrims how to hunt in the new country, and, as Spring returned, "how to set their corne, wher to take fish."

Thus began a friendship between white men and Mashpee Indians which has lasted for more than three centuries. Although warfare often raged in other parts of the country between Indian and white man, peace always prevailed on Cape Cod.

Mashpee school children saying grace before dining at the school lunch project.

Today descendants of the Indians who fed the Pilgrims are being fed by a school lunch project down in Mashpee. Recently a survey revealed that more than 70 per cent. of the Mashpee school children were suffering from malnutrition.

Mashpee is bankrupt. Its affairs are administered by a state-appointed board of trustees. The town being too poor to pay even nominal costs for materials in order to get a school lunch project going, the government made a special ruling allowing WPA money to be allotted for materials as well as labor.

School children are given a nourishing lunch each school day in the Baptist chapel, across the street from the school.

It is poetic justice that the descendants of the Mashpee Indians who saved Pilgrims from starvation are being saved from malnutrition by a government made possible by pioneers like the Pilgrims.

Perhaps the debt white men owe the original Americans can never be paid. But something on account is being paid by this project which is building up the health of about 60 children in whose veins courses the blood of Mashpees who extended the hand of friendship and succor to starving Pilgrims.

KING OF THE KIDS

John L. Sullivan, WPA recreation organizer of Springfield, who is raising funds to send fifty underprivileged children to summer camp, with some of his gang.

"King of Kids" Seeks Summer Camp Funds

SPRINGFIELD — Fifty underprivileged children from needy families will have a chance to enjoy outdoor fun this summer if the plans of John L. Sullivan, WPA recreation organizer, are successful.

Mr. Sullivan, known here as "The King of the Kids," is sponsoring a social and dance at Pythian Hall, Wednesday, May 19, to raise funds so he can send 50 youngsters to a boy's camp. If sufficient money is not raised this way "Sully" intends to personally seek contributions from leading citizens.

He will contact all clergymen in the city and ask them to select a child from each parish for whom the camp vacation would be a blessing.

Clinton Bumps Gone

CLINTON — Exactly 235 bumps have been ironed out of Clinton streets.

This was achieved by WPA workers who raised that number of sunken manhole covers to the street grade. The manholes were set years ago and formed depressions when the roads were resurfaced. Motorists in this town are giving thanks because they no longer have to bump their way through town.

Imhoff Tank Installation Settles Sewage Problem

FRAMINGHAM — Installation of a set of Imhoff tanks, recently accomplished, provided the final link in the completion of this city's modern sewer system, built by WPA.

LETTER BOX

South Boston, April 26, 1937.

Dear Sir:

I take this opportunity to thank you for the help you so kindly sent me. I'd never had lived through it if I did not have the housekeeper. I think it is a wonderful work, this household aid, as so many people cannot afford to pay someone to help and therefore they die of neglect. I hope your good work continues and I wish you success.

Yours truly,
N—— E——.

EDITOR'S NOTE: 10 in family, 8 children, mother, prenatal, cardiac complications and high blood pressure. Aide worked 33 days.)

Rehoboth, Mass., May 4, 1937.

Dear Col. McDonough:

I wish to thank you in behalf of the Rehoboth Garden Club and myself for the work done by the WPA workers in grading the land at the junction of Bay State Road and Winthrop Street in the Town of Rehoboth. They have done a fine piece of work, and it is very neat, and a great improvement.

The Townspeople have been very pleased by it, and it is causing them to take an interest in improving the roadsides.

I also wish to state that the supervisors in charge of the work were most courteous and interested.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am,
Yours very truly,
ALICE BAKER, *President,*
Rehoboth Garden Club.

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PRODUCTION DIVISION WPA BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

PERSONALS

Foreman Bernard Hart of Fitchburg drives 35 miles and walks two miles through swamp land every day to reach his bridge building job on the outskirts of Rutland. Must have to set the alarm clock pretty early.

Married men of District Three headquarters on Oliver Street, Boston, are crowing over the single men. Reason: The benedicts downed the bachelors, two matches out of three, in bowling.

Adrian Eckberg and his staff of artists and artisans are performing wonders in the restoration of old paintings in Boston schools.

There will be less aspirin consumed at the Park Square building when the iron work is completed on the new building across the street.

Mrs. Lucille Lockhart, District Six supervisor of professional and women's projects, gave a talk recently to students of Springfield College on "The Place of Dramatic and Creative Programs Sponsored by WPA in the Community."

You are reading one of the very few papers which are not all-of-a-twitter over the Wally Simpson-Duke of Windsor romance.

Commodore George Lunt of the WPA Recreation Model Yacht Club of Worcester is busy these days arranging regattas for the model yachts built during the winter. Also on the regatta committee are William Coulter, Walter Williams and Fred Luhrman.

Already many are asking when WPA will repeat the moonlight sails which were such a success last summer. It's the gypsy in 'em.

John Luce, theatre-wise publicity man for Federal Theatre, tells us "Johnny Johnson," a satire on war, scheduled to open at the Majestic Theatre on May 20 will be Federal Theatre's biggest hit of the year. Don't miss it.

Jerome P. Conway, in charge of recreation program athletics in Holyoke, used to play first base for the Washington Senators. Jerry is also a big league basketball player.

John F. Hayes, field engineer in District Five, was a vaudeville dancer in pre-war days.

Your district reporter will be glad to get "Personals" for the BULLETIN.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

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Vorkers Leaving WPA Eligible To Return Within Four Months

So that workers may feel encouraged to cept all offers of private employment, en if proffered jobs do not seem perma-ent, Administrator McDonough has led that a person's eligibility will not e canceled until he has been out of WPA ur months.

This will make it possible for workers accept summer and seasonal jobs with-it losing their eligibility. It will also rve to encourage the person who feels e job offered him may be secure and yet not positive it will last.

Earlier in the year certification agencies ere asked to recertify all persons who had een separated from WPA work for a pe-od of over 30 days in order to make em eligible for reassignment.

This has now been changed. In notify-g certifying agencies of the change, Col. cDonough wrote:

"It seems advisable to consider persons, ho have left WPA temporarily for a riod of less than four months, the con-nuing responsibility of the WPA to de-rmine current eligibility and reassign if ssible. The purpose of this change is to courage our workers to accept employ-ent in private industry.

"This modification of procedure in no y affects the 30 day pending clause as it lates to persons who have been certified r WPA work but not assigned. Such cer-ications still become automatically null d void at the end of this period until certified by your agency."

Sick Leave

All workers earning within the se-curity wage rate schedule will now be given an opportunity to make up time ost due to illness, according to the atest order from Harry L. Hopkins. The order reads that workers who have been obliged to lose time due to ill-ness shall be allowed every reasonable opportunity to make up that time luring the current or succeeding pay-oll period. Instructions are being ent to the supervisors, foremen and ime-keepers, explaining how this pro-edure shall work.

Foremanship Training Institute Is Opened

The WPA Foremanship Training Institute got off to a flying start last week.

Sixty picked district engineers gathered at State Headquarters for three days of intensive schooling in foremanship training leadership. Informality and enthusiasm were the key notes of the sessions.

Gathered around conference tables these engineers from each district discussed the responsibilities of foremen, the care of tools, equipment and materials, avoiding idle time, accident prevention, and other subjects of importance to foremen and engineers.

Seated with these engineers were district directors, state and district department heads. The result was the meeting of the best engineering minds in this organization for planning these foremanship training courses. At the end of this three day period there was no doubt about the success of these conferences. The interchange of ideas and the discussion of mutual problems brought an enthusiastic response from all participating.

Practical problems which foremen meet in the field were brought up. Solutions to these problems were worked out by having those engineers who had met the problems in the field discuss the methods they used while on the job.

These conferences were the first step in the proposed foremanship training course. The engineers who met here have gone back into the districts and are planning and organizing foremanship training conferences for supervisors, foremen and field engineers in the district.

By the time the *Bulletin* appears in the field, many of these courses will have been started for foremen throughout the state.

Each supervisor and foreman on manual jobs will receive notification from his district office as to the place and time of the first foremanship training course in his locality.

This coming week the same plan will be carried through by the field engineers and state and district staff for white collar jobs. Supervisors on sewing projects are already meeting in one of the Districts.

L. J. Bresnahan Named District Four Director

Lawrence J. Bresnahan has been appointed Director for District 4.

Mr. Bresnahan has been, since December, State Director of Employment. Previous to that he was an assistant to Colonel McDonough, who at that time was State Director of Employment.

Mr. Bresnahan has full knowledge of the WPA in District 4 for he held the position as Supervisor of the Division of Employment in that office during the summer of 1935 and through the fall of 1936.

Mr. Bresnahan's position as State Director of Employment will be filled by Arthur B. Corbett, who becomes Acting State Director of Employment. Mr. Corbett since the summer of 1935 has very successfully carried on the duties of Supervisor of the Division of Employment for District 2.

George Oster, now Assistant Supervisor of Employment in District 2, will become Acting Supervisor of Employment in that district.

CAMERA STUDIES WPA FOREMANSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

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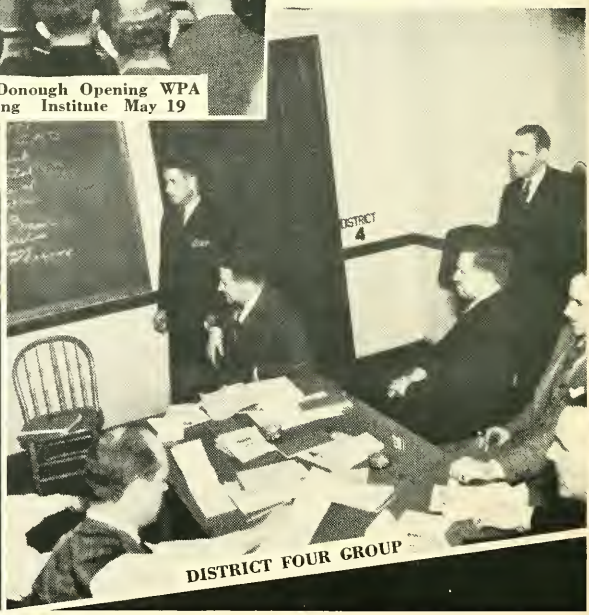
DISTRICT THREE GROUP

Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough Opening WPA Foremanship Training Institute May 19

DISTRICT FIVE GROUP


DISTRICT FOUR GROUP

EDITORIAL

WPA Leadership

The school for WPA foremen in Massachusetts will, it is hoped, fill a long-felt need. There are still 90,000 *persons, "employable unemployed" on projects in this state. Of these,* 65,000 *are classified as manual and the rest as white-collar workers, although many of these are women.*

Revival of industry is making constant inroads on these groups, individuals most liked by employers going into private business or industry. This means that the average capability is being reduced as months go on.

Better leadership is constantly being required. That is sought by the training of supervisors that has been begun. They in turn will pass on what they acquire. In time it will reach the persons in charge of each small group.

What is particularly needed is better public relations. A great many jokes, some of them unjustified, have been going about concerning the unfortunate who draw pay from relief jobs. The future of the system of providing work instead of handouts is at stake. If the leadership becomes good enough the system will gain sufficient public respect to survive. That is why this training is of such great importance.

—Boston Globe, May 20, 1937.

This thoughtful *Globe* editorial should be studied well by every WPA worker.

Each individual project is only as good or as bad as its individual leader. Foremen and supervisors are the backbone of WPA.

Perhaps in no other branch of the government are more promotions made from within the ranks than in WPA. A list of such promotions to key positions printed in the last issue of the *Bulletin* speaks for itself.

Each of us can fit ourselves to take a step upward when the opportunity presents itself. Private industry is skimming the cream from the top of WPA. We welcome such casualties in our work relief army.

Whether you direct the wielding of picks or pens, get all you can out of this Foremanship Training Institute. For, as the *Globe* wisely points out, survival of WPA will probably be determined by the quality of its leadership and whether that leadership is reaching objectives which justify its existence.

Eye, Ear Survey Points Out Handicapped Children

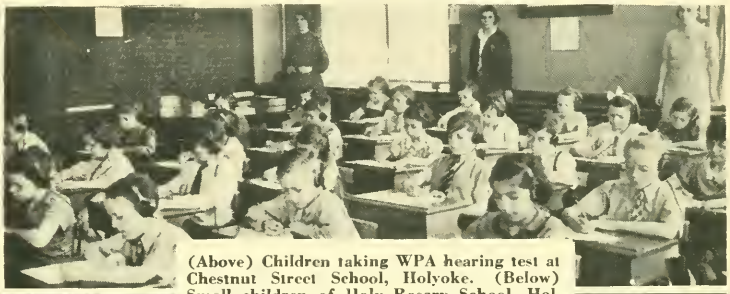
By PERCY E. BASSETT

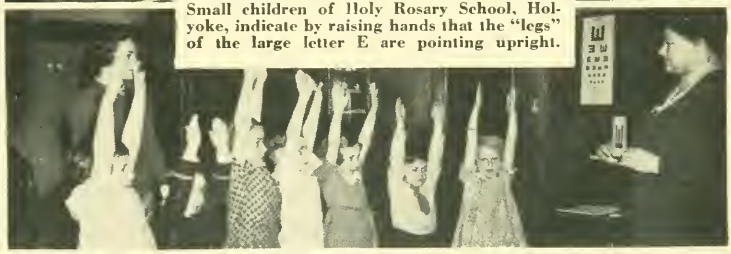
Holyoke — Few tragedies of childhood are as great as the ignominy and disappointment of being "kept back" at school.

Teachers and parents are often under the impression that a child is being "kept back" a grade because of stupidity when the real reason is a deficiency in sight or hearing.

Allowed to struggle his difficult way through school under either of these handicaps a child grows up mis-educated, unable to compete for jobs with those with normal sight and hearing.

To determine which children need the treatment of ear specialists and oculists, WPA is conducting a hearing and sight survey of Holyoke school children.





(Above) Children taking WPA hearing test at Chestnut Street School, Holyoke. (Below) Small children of Holy Rosary School, Holyoke, indicate by raising hands that the "legs" of the large letter E are pointing upright.

The tests are being made with the most modern equipment, approved by the American Society for the Hard of Hearing and the National Society for Prevention of Blindness.

Youngsters become keenly interested in the ear tests when they are each given a single earphone of the audiometer. This machine tests children in groups of forty.

Each earphone is connected with a victrola from which a voice repeats groups of figures in various degrees of volume. On a sheet of specially ruled paper the children write the figures as they hear them.

In some instances the audiometer has revealed children who are deaf in one ear without their families, teachers or playmates realizing it. In a few cases children are being discovered so deaf or hard of hearing that they would be benefited by a transfer to a school for the deaf.

To prevent error each child is given three tests over a period of several weeks. If but one test was given nervousness of the child, induced by the novelty, might produce a poor score. Or a single test might indicate partial deafness without showing it was caused by such a temporary ailment as a heavy head cold.

When the tests definitely indicate a child is hard of hearing an otologist (ear specialist) makes a minute examination and recommends treatment. A nurse assigned to the project carefully follows up each case.

The survey is examining children's eyes in the usual way with the Snellen Scale. Very young children are told the letter "E" is an animal and to show with their hands whether the "legs" are pointing right, left, up or down.

Supervised by Agnes R. Allyn, co-chairman of the young people's committee of the American Society for the Hard of Hearing, the survey is heartily approved by Holyoke school and city officials.

Testimonial Dinner to Robert F. Cross

FALL RIVER — Robert F. Cross, who resigned as director of District Four, was guest of honor at a testimonial dinner in the Hotel Mellen here May 12. He was presented with a leather chair by his former WPA colleagues at WPA district headquarters.

The following day he was presented with a set of book-ends, a brace of three pipes and a pound of tobacco by his former associates at the Hyannis office of WPA.

Recently Mr. Cross was appointed to the post of state director of the division of reclamation, soil survey and fairs.

Smith College Girls Recreation Helpers

NORTHAMPTON — Twenty-two Smith College students are assisting Ray Manning, WPA supervisor of recreation, and getting regular credits in their college courses for their WPA work.

Until a few months ago students taking a special course in children's physical recreation and general playground proceedings found it difficult to get practical experience. Profitable to both WPA and the students is the play whereby students assist WPA recreation instructors and receive regular credits for their WPA work.

Each Wednesday evening the 22 girls taking part in this program meet in the college gymnasium where their work is checked by members of the faculty and graded. The girls gain credits and practical experience and the WPA gains their assistance.

Most of the students, says Supervisor Manning, are well versed in the routine work which is included in the WPA recreational program. One volunteer taught for three months at a summer camp, specializing in handicraft and camping.

Wanted: WPA News

The *Bulletin* is always ready to print timely or interesting WPA news. If you have material which can be used in the *Bulletin,* get in touch with your district reporter.

The district reporters are:
DISTRICT ONE—O. W. Brown
DISTRICT TWO—Edwin J. Johnson
DISTRICT THREE—Frank J. Keefe
DISTRICT FOUR—Gardiner T. Hart
DISTRICT FIVE—Ernest A. Stolba
DISTRICT SIX—Percy E. Bassett

Clinic Helps Needy Children

BOSTON —A total of 22,217 Boston school children received dental treatment at clinics operated by WPA during 1936.

The project treats an average of 300 children a week during the school year.

Boston health officials say the clinic is improving the health of the city as a whole by promptly caring for teeth of children whose parents otherwise would be unable to have them treated.

The clinic was instituted during ERA and continued as a worthy project under WPA auspices.

Fish Hatchery Output Increased by Project

SUNDERLAND — Work of a WPA crew here will increase the output of the state fish hatchery 30 per cent. according to Louis Horst, hatchery superintendent.

Last year the hatchery distributed 100,000 live trout, five to eight inches in length, 100,000 which were seven to twelve inches in length and 200,000 smaller trout, the latter planted in feeder streams.

An increase of 30 per cent. over these figures will mean a considerable boon to the sport of trout fishing in Massachusetts.

The project at the fish hatchery has built four ponds, each 125 by 40 feet, a catch pool, four small ponds, 15 side outlets in pools for draining, 2000 feet of irrigation ditches, two bridges, each 18 feet long with stone abutments and a gravel roadway that encloses the entire hatchery.

A pond 120 by 40 feet is now under construction and there is enough work at the hatchery to keep the 22 men on the project busy a year, according to the superintendent.

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PRODUCTION DIVISION WPA BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PERSONALS

George F. Collins, until recently labor schedule chief for District Four, is now Rhode Island representative for a large and well known building materials firm.

Another who has returned to private industry is Charles O'Connell, material inspector in District Six who is working for a Holyoke firm of construction engineers.

"Wally" Howes, field engineer, says an inebriated fisherman recently approached a WPA timekeeper in Ashfield and asked him if a nearby stream was posted against fishing.

"Of course it is," said the timekeeper, pointing to a WPA sign near a roadside beautification project. "Can't you see the sign?"

The wavering fisherman squinted at the sign and tottered away saying, "It'sh poshted all ri'. I'd better get outa here."

James Muldoon, timekeeper on a reservoir project in Ashby, used to be a bronchobuster in the more or less wild and wooly West.

Francis Gregory, secretary to Timothy J. Collins, Director of District Six, is resigning to resume his law practice. A few days ago Frank became a one-man fire department when he doused a wastebasket fire beside the district director who kept calmly telephoning during the excitement.

Boys in Ward Two, Beverly, were so anxious to have a playground baseball field finished in time for a twilight game that they pitched in and helped WPA workmen finish the job.

The mailing of pay checks is giving hundreds of WPA wives the impression that the head of the house has had a raise of a dollar or two. As one man in Springfield said ruefully, "My wife greeted me with a hug and the 'news' that I had been given a dollar a week raise. I couldn't very well tell her I had been snitching a buck a week for spending money. Say, who started this mailing of paychecks, anyway?"

Mayor Daniel E. McLean of Beverly said recently during a speech to the Beverly Rotary Club, "This WPA is a big help to any city or town if it is handled right."

Chevigny Barthel, WPA field engineer, has built a bungalow for himself, single-handed, in Westminster, near the Gardner line during his spare time. Chevigny, thy middle name is industry.

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PROTECT WORKERS SEEKING JOBS

Williams Addresses Babson Graduates

COL. McDONOUGH MEETING MR. WILLIAMS AT SOUTH STATION

Aubrey Williams, Deputy National Administrator, substituting for Harry L. Hopkins, National Administrator, who received a last minute summons to appear before a Senate Appropriations Committee, addressed graduates of the Babson Institute, Wellesley, Saturday morning.

Mr. Williams was met at the station by Lt. Col. John J. McDonough and escorted to the Copley-Plaza Hotel for breakfast with representatives of the governor and the mayor and members of the regional and state WPA staff.

Administrator McDonough officiated at the breakfast which was attended by:

J. Burke Sullivan, representing Governor Hurley; Joseph F. Mellyn, representing Mayor Mansfield; R. C. Branion, Field Representative; Gerald M. Coxe, Assistant Field Representative; S. A. Place, Regional Examiner; W. F. Cann, Regional Labor Division; J. J. Lyons, Chief Regional Engineer; George W. Callahan, Regional Engineer; Mrs. Helen Talboy, Director of Women's and Professional Projects; C. B. Hall, Director of the Division of Operations; Arthur B. Corbett, Director of Employment; John J. Fitzgerald, Chief Engineer, Division of Operations; Everett E. Gillis, Director of Finance; Daniel W. Mahony, Director District 1; Denis W. Delaney, Director District 2; Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, Director District 3; Lawrence J. Bresnahan, Director District 4; James F. Carberry, Director District 5; Timothy J. Collins, Director District 6.

WPA To Take Back Those Who Lose Private Work

TO: All State Works Progress Administrators

"It is of particular importance at this time that project workers be given every encouragement to accept other employment even though of short duration. To this end you are directed to reassign immediately any certified project worker who accepts other employment after this date and loses such employment through no fault of his own, provided he is eligible.

"The attached notice to project workers shall be posted in order that they may be fully informed of this policy.

"NOTICE TO PROJECT WORKERS:

"WPA workers who accept other employment after this date and lose such employment through no fault of their own will be reassigned to WPA projects provided they are eligible."

(Signed) "Harry L. Hopkins,
Administrator"

A guarantee that room will be made for the return of Massachusetts WPA workers who go into private industry and lose their jobs through no fault of their own has been issued by Lt.-Col. John J. McDonough, state administrator.

Fear of workers that they would not be able to get back their WPA jobs if they took outside jobs and then lost them, should be eliminated by the assurance of the state administrator.

Commenting on keeping the road back to WPA open for such enterprising workers, Administrator McDonough said:

"With reference to our workers who leave for private employment, it is the intention of the State Administrator to reinstate those workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

If a quota provision might interfere, workers who have not left a project for private employment *will be dropped to make room for those who have left.*"

This will leave the way open for many WPA workers to seek summer and seasonal employment.

FOREMANSHIP TRAINING COURSES

District 3 Foremen
Attending Foremanship Training Course

Professional and Service Projects
WPA Foremanship Training Institute

District 2 Foremen
Attending Foremanship Training Course

WPA Finishes Housing Job A Month Ahead of Schedule

WPA has completed, one month ahead of schedule, the construction of nearly a mile and a half of storm and sanitary sewers, its part in the building of South Boston's $7,000,000 Old Harbor Village, a Federal Housing unit.

Work started November 28 of last year, scheduled to be finished by June, was completed May 30.

More than 750 men working in two shifts were employed on the job which provided the unit with more than 25,000 cubic yards of excavation, 5000 cubic yards of reinforced concrete, 550 concrete cassions which were driven through 14 feet of peat and muck, 78 manholes and 87 catch-basins.

Foremanship Training Begins for White Collar Projects

Closely following the successful Foremanship Training Institute for manual projects similar sessions were held for professional and service project supervisors at the Park Square building, Boston, June 2, 3 and 4.

District leaders who attended the three-day course will conduct similar sessions in the various districts.

General purposes of the training course were outlined by Administrator McDonough at the closing session. Mrs. Helen Talboy, state director of the women's and professional division, also spoke on the objectives of the course.

On all three days the state-wide sessions were well attended. "White collar" supervisors finished the course anxious to surpass the high standard reached by those who conducted foremanship training courses throughout the state for supervisors of manual projects.

At the white collar conferences as at the manual foremanship training courses it was emphasized that only conscientious and satisfactory WPA workers will be retained on projects. Foremen and Supervisors were instructed to repeat this message in their districts.

National Administrator Hopkins recently defined a satisfactory WPA worker as one who does the best he can. Those who are obviously not doing their best will be dropped.

Wins Oratory Contest

Worcester — Ruth Harkins, 14, trained by a WPA recreation instructor, was the winner of the annual oratorical contest held here May 28 under the auspices of St. Peter's High School.

She competed with 18 other boys and girls in the finals after winning a series of preliminary contests. She was awarded first prize by a unanimous vote of the judges.

MILLVILLE, BANKRUPTED BY DEPRESSION, SAVED FROM ECONOMIC CHAOS BY WPA

By Ernest A. Stolba

Millville — When a small town has only one industry its residents live with the sword of unemployment constantly hanging over their heads by the thin thread of fluctuating business conditions.

For years the majority of residents of this town worked in the town's only textile mill, giving little thought to what might be the consequences if the mill suddenly closed.

The thread holding the sword of unemployment over the town snapped during the blackest period of the depression. With the only mill closed the majority of residents were forced onto direct relief. Unable to bear the burden the town went bankrupt and became a ward of the state, its affairs directed by a state-appointed municipal finance board.

In few towns of New England was the outlook gloomier than it was for the 2100 residents of Millville. Leading citizens tried desperately to get another textile mill to come to the town. With plants closing all over the country the task was practically impossible.

Then work relief came to the rescue. But for WPA hundreds here would have had to stay on direct relief indefinitely. Because of the corroding effects of living on a dole many capable textile operatives would have become unemployable. Without funds for maintenance the town would now be a shabby community with rutted streets, with sewers and water mains in a woeful state of disrepair.

In recent years men thrown out of work by the closing of the mill have been employed repairing and re-surfacing streets, building sidewalks, painting and repairing public buildings, repairing sewers and water mains.

Women who are the sole support of their families have been employed on sewing and canning projects. Work relief money spent by WPA workers have kept many of the town's small stores from going bankrupt.

Skill possessed by many women mill operatives has been put to good use in knitting and sewing projects which have produced thousands of warm garments for distribution to families on relief both in Millville and in nearby towns.

Because of this WPA activity the morale of the town's workers has been saved from the devastating effects of a dole existence. The town, itself, presents a trim appearance with its well kept streets and newly repaired and painted public buildings.

Thus has Millville weathered the depression with the help of work relief. When a manufacturer comes seeking an advantageous locality in which to open a textile mill he will do well to consider Millville.

Picnic Cave Unusual Feature of Playground

Lunenburg — An underground cave equipped with a fireplace and picnic facilities for 40 persons is the outstanding feature of Lunenburg's WPA-built recreation centre at Marshall Field. The grounds also boasts a cinder track, a baseball diamond, and two half-completed tennis courts.

But the cave is most popular—especially with the Boy Scouts and other young people's organizations who have held many meetings and hot-dog roasts there.

As it was not scheduled as part of the project, many of the townspeople and NYA workers pitched in and did the extra work. The cave is about 16 feet square with an eight foot ceiling of thick, reinforced concrete. A huge stone fireplace fills up one corner of this interesting room while stone shelves furnish seats for 40 persons. Candles light the cave when meetings and initiations are taking place.

400 City Youngsters Take Up Gardening

Fall River — Four hundred youngsters here have become enthusiastic gardeners as a result of the garden clubs sponsored by the recreation project.

Each youngster is carefully tending a garden plot at least 25 feet square. Many of the boys are turning their training to good use and into extra cash by using the knowledge gained in the garden clubs in caring for lawns and gardens throughout the city.

If a would-be gardener has no plot of land at his or her home he or she may get a small plot to cultivate on land made available near congested districts.

There are 80 flourishing gardens in the yard of the abandoned Linen Mill, owned by the city. There are 40 more gardens in the yard of the Cornell Mill which has donated the use of its land to the youthful gardeners.

FESTIVAL QUEEN

Barbara Lewis, 9, shortly after she was crowned Queen of the May at festival staged in Glendale Park, Everett, by the WPA recreation project. The little boy and girl at the right seem a bit self-conscious at the coronation.

Colonial Benedict Had His Headaches in 1647

BOSTON — Marital difficulties aren't a bit modern according to a document, dated 1647, discovered by the legal assessing project in the ancient archives of Suffolk County courthouse.

Nearly 300 years ago a distraught Boston benedict wrote to his mother-in-law as follows:

That you and myselfe are made sorry by your daughter's enormous and continued crimes is the greatest cause of grief that ever befell me, and more because her obstinant continuance in them is now to me by her own ire made as certain, as I am certain I never gave her the least cause or occasion to provoke her to them.

But most of all it grieves me that she has runne so fast from that height of error in Judgement to that extremity of error in practice. I do hereby declare resolution never to live with her as a husband.

What maintainance you expect I know not, to my cost and danger as she has unwived herself and how she or you can expect a wive's maintainance is to me a wonder. And lastly, the breach not being on my part I shall take it as an honor to be known by the name of Sir.

(Signed) Your Affectionate Sonne and Servant,
Ben Kayen.

Seven Miles of Sidewalks

MILFORD — By the end of this summer Milford will have nearly seven miles of sidewalks built by WPA.

Building of sidewalks has added enormously to the attractive appearance of the town. There are now 118 men working on sidewalk projects which, when completed, will cover a total of 35,621 lineal feet.

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PRODUCTION DIVISION WPA BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PERSONALS

The married men's bowling team of District Three operations division have enjoyed a chicken dinner at the expense of the bachelor bowlers' team, defeated by the benedicts in a series of matches. Winners—Harry Carroll, Jim O'Brien, Sigsbee Donovan, Charles Datow, Harry Graham and Henry De'Angilis. Losers—Ed Fitzgerald, Bob Mearn, Al Casperson, Jim Baker, George Twiss and George Swanson.

Mrs. Rose D. Herbert of the District Five headquarters was the first woman to be elected to the Worcester school committee some years ago.

Since he was publicized in the Bulletin as a coin expert, Roland R. Moxley of Fitchburg has been getting fan mail and phone calls from many seeking information concerning the value of old coins.

Police Chief George J. Popp of Rockland is convinced that recreation projects have definitely reduced juvenile delinquency in his town.

Some thirty years ago George H. Cummings, now a WPA derrick man, was one of the fastest oarsmen to be found in Worcester county where world champion oarsmen were devoloped in the '90s.

One of the busiest recreation instructors in the state is Miss Geraldine Lowell of Gardner who instructs no less than 1663 students and adults each week.

Mayor George E. McLean of Beverly recently announced the completion of one of the longest paving projects in WPA on Balch street from Cabot to McKay streets, a distance of about 3000 feet.

By reducing their lunch time to 35 minutes WPA office workers are able to take every second Saturday morning off. More time for sunburn.

Miss Gertrude Milligan, for nearly four years a secretary in the state payroll office, will be married on June 19 to Robert McGrath of Medford.

Nurse Eleanor Buckley of state headquarters has resigned to join the nursing staff of Wyman House, Cambridge.

"Mac" Rutherford, 60-year-old "barker" for the Federal Theatre's Circus, is on his way to the Dallas Exposition where he will do the vocal calisthenics for the Lew Du for attraction, thus returning to private industry in Texas.

Frank Ryan, music arranger for the Federal Theatre Vaudeville project, has been absorbed by the Pomeroy-Earle Enterprises in New York. Frank will arrange musical backgrounds for night club presentations.

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LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH, State Administrator.

USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

JULY 20, 1937

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

Above Administrator McDonough are grouped the six former District Directors

Top, l. to r.—Daniel W. Mahony, Denis W. Delaney, Col. Thomas F. Sullivan.

Center, l. to r.—Lawrence J. Bresnahan, James F. Carberry, Timothy J. Collins.

Bottom.—Lt. Col. John J. McDonough, Administrator.

Worcester County WPA Completes 62 Bridges

WORCESTER.—After the devastating flood of March, 1936, 81 bridges were slated for rebuilding or repairs in Worcester county. To date 62 have been completed and 13 more are in the process of being rebuilt or repaired.

Bridges have been rebuilt or repaired in the following towns: Ashburnham, Athol, Berlin, Blackstone, Charlton, Clinton, Dana, Dudley, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Hubbardston, Leicester, Lunenberg, Mendon, Oxford, Petersham, Princeton, Royalston, Southbridge, Spencer, Sterling, Uxbridge, Westboro, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westminster, Winchendon and Worcester.

ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION

By the time the Bulletin will have reached the field, reorganization of the WPA administrative staff here in Massachusetts will have been completed. The Bulletin is devoting this issue to explaining this reorganization so that all project workers will have a clear understanding of what has happened and of the reasons for this reorganization.

With the WPA settling into its third year, Washington officials have sent instructions throughout the country that district offices are to be abolished and small field offices set up in their place. The following order was issued over Harry Hopkins' signature:

"Our past experience indicates that it is possible to effect considerable saving without loss of efficiency through consolidation and elimination of district offices. Consolidations heretofore effected have not only resulted in administrative savings but have resulted in no loss of efficiency in the conduct of the work."

Congress, in appropriating $1,500,000,000 to carry WPA through the fiscal year of June, 1937, to June, 1938, specified that not more than 5% of the total amount of money spent on WPA could be spent for administrative costs. In Massachusetts this meant that the expense of operating large district offices had to be curtailed. In place of the six district offices with the six district directors and the heads of the five divisions (Division of Operations, Division of Finance, Division of Employment, Division of Women's and Professional Projects and Division of Educational and Recreational Projects) there have been set up twelve field offices in which an operating staff, with representatives from each of the five divisions have been stationed.

A glance at the map on the second page will show the location of these twelve field offices.

The preparation of payrolls has all been centralized in the State Office, located at 600 Washington Street. The Assignment Offices, which heretofore have operated in each of the six districts, have been consolidated into one State Assignment Office, located at 600 Washington Street, Boston.

The Employment Division will be represented by one labor adjustor who will handle all complaints; and by the Intake and Certification Unit. This unit will use the Field Offices as a base to make checks on the certification of project workers, and to receive new certifications on cancelled certifications from the local Certifying Offices.

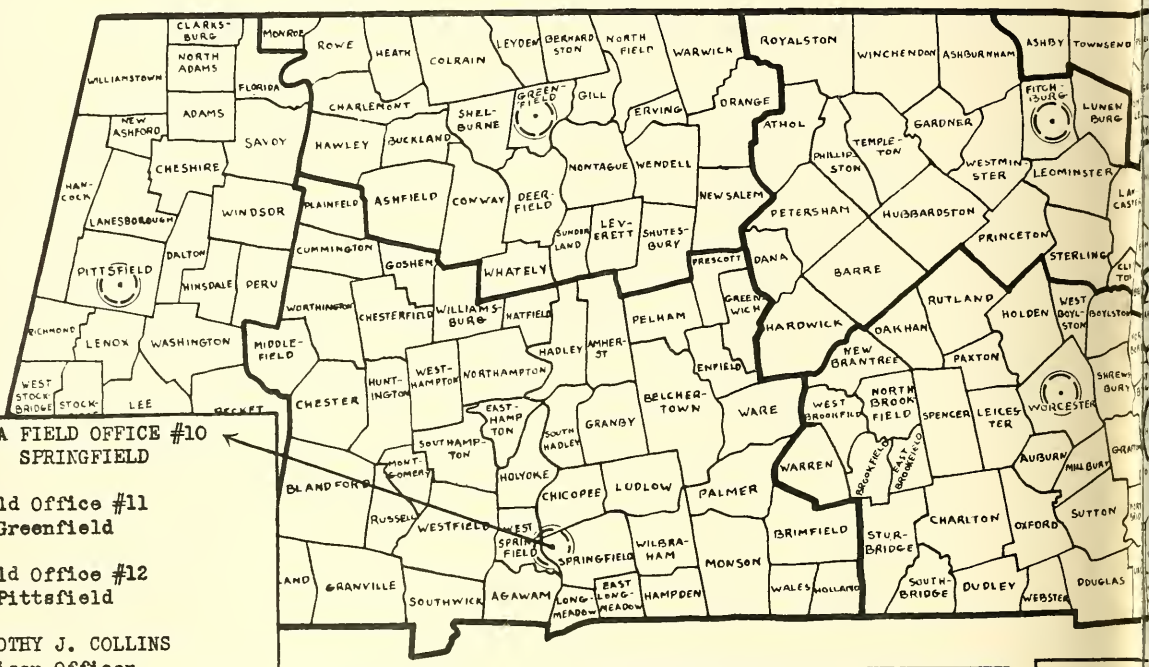
In the twelve field offices there will be stationed field engineers or supervisors who will supervise the operation of the projects in the territory covered by any one field office. There will also be working out of these field offices supervising timekeepers.

In abolishing the district offices the administration has lost the valuable services of the six district directors who for the last two years have been the keystones of WPA administration here in Massachusetts. They have always been fully responsible for the operation of the program in their district and all of them have performed a great service in accepting this responsibility. It is with real regret that the State Administration loses the services of these directors in their capacity as district directors. Fortunately, all of them have been persuaded to remain with the Administration in the reorganized set-up.

By making this consolidation a considerable saving of administrative expense has been realized. 5% of the cost of employing 65,000 workers here in Massachusetts is $180,000. Under the old administration with six district offices it cost over $300,000. for expenses, including administrative personnel, Supervisory personnel, rent of the six offices, heat, light, telephone and travel for administrative and supervisory personnel. The reorganization, as planned, has brought this cost down to $180,000. as of August 1st.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION FOR MASSACHUSETTS

FIELD OFFICE FOR CITIES AND TOWNS WITHIN BLACK LINES



AREA FIELD OFFICE #10
SPRINGFIELD

Field Office #11
Greenfield

Field Office #12
Pittsfield

TIMOTHY J. COLLINS
Liaison Officer

MICHAEL J. DALEY
Supervisor of Operations

MRS. LUCILLE LOCKHART
Supervisor of Women's & Professional Projects

THOMAS QUIRK
Supervisor of Labor Relations

DANIEL A. MARTIN
Supervisor of Educational & Recreational Projects

FIELD OFFICE #8
WORCESTER

Field Office #9
Fitchburg

JAMES A. CARBERRY
Liaison Officer

JAMES MEEHAN
Supervisor of Operations

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

LT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH
State Administrator

C. B. HALL
Director of Operations

LAWRENCE J. BRESNAHAN
Director of Employment

MRS. HELEN G. TALBOY
Director of Women's & Professional Projects

CARL ROGERS
Executive Assistant, Director of Education & Recreation

COL. THOMAS F. SULLIVAN
Administrative Assistant in charge of Boston

E. E. GILLIS
Director of Finance

The map shows location of area covered by 12 field offices. Space does not permit the inclusion of all field personnel working out of the 12 field offices. We have, therefore, printed only the names of the key personnel responsible for the operation of their respective divisions in the main field offices.

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FALL RI

Field Offic
Brockto

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Supervisor

MRS. MARGA
Supervisor
Professiona

GEORGE C
Supervisor
Labor Relati

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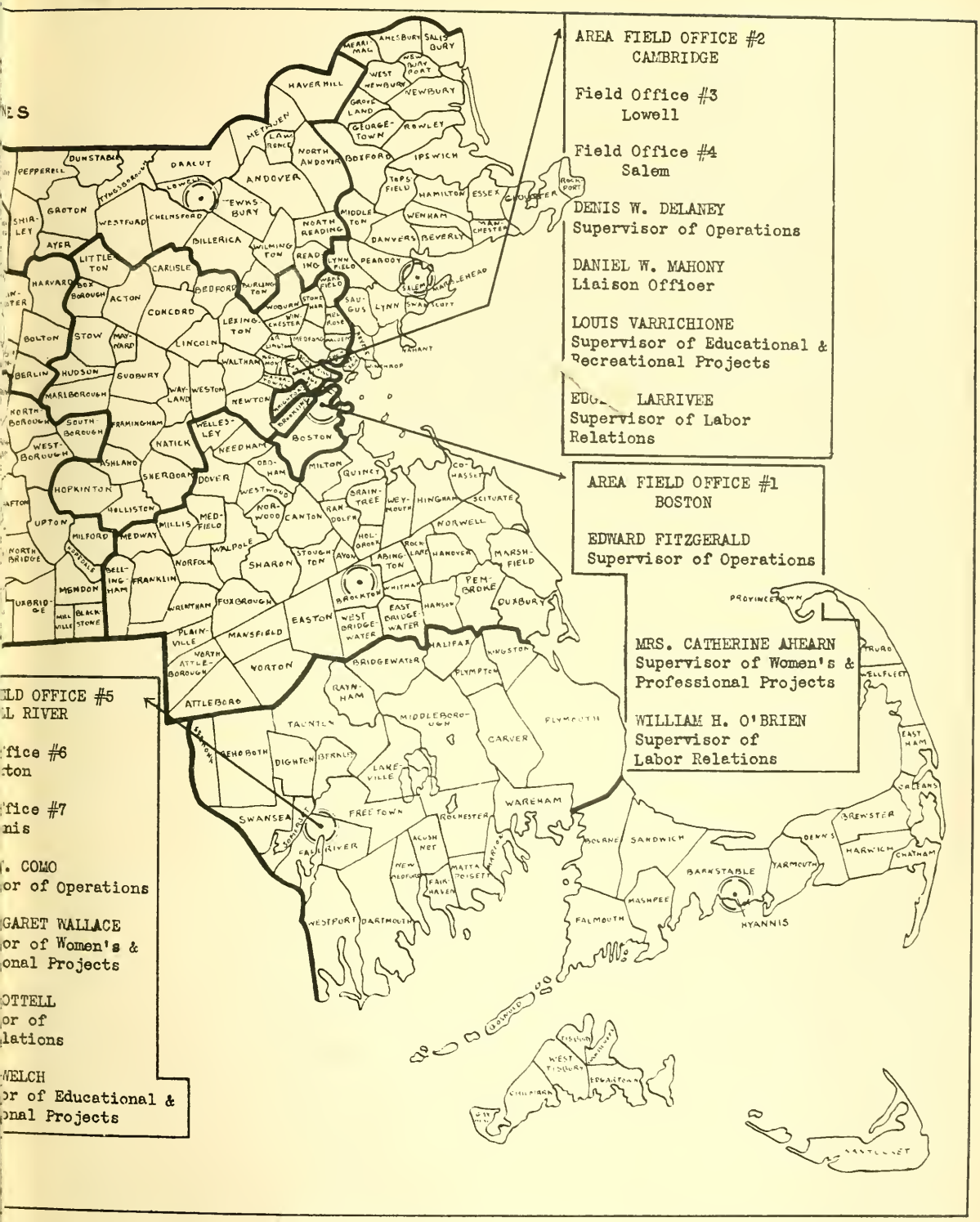
Supervisor
Recreation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CAMBRIDGE
Field Office #3
Lowell
Field Office #4
Salem
DENIS W. DELANEY
Supervisor of Operations
DANIEL W. MAHONY
Liaison Officer
LOUIS VARRICHIONE
Supervisor of Educational & Recreational Projects
EDG LARRIVEE
Supervisor of Labor Relations
AREA FIELD OFFICE #1
BOSTON
EDWARD FITZGERALD
Supervisor of Operations
MRS. CATHERINE AHEARN
Supervisor of Women's & Professional Projects
WILLIAM H. O'BRIEN
Supervisor of Labor Relations
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Relief Act Excerpts

The following are extracts from the Emergency Relief Act of 1937. The Bulletin is printing only those clauses which concern the project workers:

". . . not to exceed 5 per centum of the amount allotted or used by any department or agency may be expended for administration of such relief or work relief."

"The funds herein appropriated (the $1,500,000,000.) shall be so apportioned and distributed over the twelve months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and shall be so administered during such fiscal year, as *to constitute the total amount that will be furnished during such fiscal year for relief purposes.*"

". . , no relief worker shall be eligible for employment on any project of the Works Progress Administration who has refused to accept employment on any other Federal or non-Federal project at a wage rate comparable with or higher than the wage rate established for similar work on projects of the Works Progress Administration. Any relief worker who has been engaged on any Federal or non-Federal project and whose service has been regularly terminated through no fault of his own shall not lose his eligibility for restoration to the relief rolls or for re-employment on any other Federal or non-Federal project on account of such previous employment."

"The departments, agencies, or establishments having supervision of projects for which funds from the foregoing appropriation are made available shall not knowingly employ on such projects aliens illegally within the limits of the United States or aliens who have not filed declaration of intention to become citizens."

". . . preference shall be given to American citizens who are in need of relief in employment by the Works Progress Administration and next those aliens who are in need of relief and who have declared their intention to become citizens prior to the enactment of this joint resolution. Veterans of the World War and Spanish War who are in need of relief shall be given preference for employment by the Works Progress Administration."

"No part of the foregoing appropriation shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any person who is a candidate for any State, district, county, or municipal office (such office requiring full time of such person and to which office a salary or per diem attaches), in any primary, general, or special election, or who is serving as a campaign manager or assistant thereto for any such candidate."

Consolidation Of All Assignment Offices

The consolidation of all Assignment Offices into one State Assignment Office has brought revised Assignment procedure. Now, all transfers from one project to another in any one municipality will be made by Field Engineers or Field Supervisors without referring to the Assignment Office. All new assignments or all new classifications will be made by the State Assignment Office on the receipt of requisitions from the Field Engineers or Supervisors.

In broad terms, the procedure works this way: Once a person is certified and assigned to a project he can be transferred by the Field Engineer or Field Supervisor to any other project in that town or city at the classification at which he was first assigned. This cuts away the red tape of having to send to the Assignment Office for a new Form 402 every time it is necessary to transfer a person from one project to another. Under this new procedure, a field transfer form will be made out, and the Field Engineer or Field Supervisor will take the transfer form to the project to which the person is transferred.

All project workers should note that they must appear on the new project (the project to which they are being transferred) on the day they are told to report by the Foreman, Supervisor, or Field Engineer. If they fail to report on that day, a 403 will be made out against them at the close of that working day. Once a 403 is made out, project workers must have a new 402 before they can work again on a WPA project. It is absolutely necessary that all workers report at the right place at the designated time.

Further details about this procedure should be requested from the foreman or supervisor.

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Patrick Navin of Lee knows what Mark Twain meant when he said the report of his death "had been greatly exaggerated." Early in the month Lee was sick. Someone told the foreman Lee had died. The foreman made out a 403 giving the reason for termination of employment as "Deceased." When Navin received the pink slip he returned to the job and convinced the foreman he is still living. The 403 was cancelled.

The Federal Circus will be in Fitchburg on Aug. 5, 6 and 7. Nate Tobin of Post 10, American Legion, has invited the circus to Fitchburg to raise money to give children of the city a field day.

A field house at North Attleboro's Community Field will be dedicated to the memory of Frank P. Toner, town official who died recently and whose efforts had much to do with the transformation of Ten Mile River from a health menace to a beautiful recreation area.

Many who formerly worked on Winchendon sewing projects will be employed by John S. Thompson who is opening the Thompson Novelty Curtain Company in Winchendon. Some years ago Mr. Thompson operated the New England Curtain Company in Fitchburg and a business in Greenville, N. H. He will employ about 100 in his new Winchendon factory.

During the recent hot spell one of the most popular places in Everett was the large wading pool, built by WPA, at Glendale Park. Thousands of children frolic daily in the water which is only two and a half feet deep. The pool measures 240 by 120 feet.

Howard I. Chapelle, regional director of the Historic American Merchant Marine Survey, which has been completed, will take a vacation cruise to southern waters with his wife and daughter.

Winners at the model airplane meet in Fall River, June 30, in which 79 boys participated were: John Anderson of Fall River, commercial model; Alden West of Worcester, model glider and James B. Cray of Fall River, best average time in five flights of commercial model. Andrew T. Kusmer of Willimantic, Conn., was awarded the prize for the entrant coming the longest distance to compete.

Edward McCloskey, safety engineer, of Worcester, has returned from his honeymoon.

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STATE WPA ROLLS REDUCED

As part of the nation-wide reduction in WPA employment, Massachusetts WPA is reducing its rolls. Massachusetts share in the country's quota during the summer months will be 65,000. This will mean that between June 15 and July 15, our WPA rolls will have been cut by 17,000. Other states throughout the country are taking similar cuts in order to come within the limitations of the amount of money voted by Congress for carrying on the WPA during the fiscal year July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938.

There has been a sharp drop during the last four months in the number of employables receiving direct relief from towns and cities. Throughout the state 14,000 persons able and willing to work have left public welfare rolls during the last four months. And these persons left during a time when no persons were being taken on the WPA rolls. The great majority of these 14,000 persons must have found private employment.

Increased Private Employment

Just as encouraging is the continued march of WPA workers into private employment. An average of 400 a week have left our rolls to reenter private employment during the last four months.

In reducing the number of employed on WPA projects to 65,000, every attempt has been made to make the smallest reductions in those places the greatest number of persons need work.

The large decrease in the number of employables receiving direct relief in every county and state was given consideration by the State Office. Inasmuch as reductions occurred in both direct relief rolls and WPA rolls at the same time, it is a sure indication of pick-up in private employment opportunities.

The following is a breakdown by counties of the reduction in direct relief rolls during the last four months:

District	*February Low*	*May Low*
District No. 1 (Essex County)	6,966	4,899
District No. 2 (Middlesex & Norfolk Counties, Chelsea, Revere & Winthrop)	15,744	11,892
District No. 3 (City of Boston)	10,345	8,663
District No. 4 (Barnstable, Bristol, Plymouth, Nantucket & Dukes Counties)	8,906	6,036
District No. 5 (Worcester County)	5,220	3,955
District No. 6 (Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire & Franklin)	6,438	4,234

Secondly, consideration was given to the number of jobs financed from Federal funds but not included in the WPA quota which were operating in the various parts of the state. There are throughout the state a total of 6,755 certified workers now working on flood control, PWA and Bureau of Public Roads projects, which are not included in the 65,000 WPA quota for Massachusetts.

In making the reduction, therefore, these extra jobs were taken into consideration.

Also the opportunities for summer seasonal employment in the various sections of the state were taken into consideration. Those sections of the state where seasonal employment cannot be found were not reduced as much as the places where summer jobs are available.

Finally, the value of a project, its economic worth to the community and the way in which it is being operated, have direct bearing on these reductions. Those projects which are of unquestionable worth to the community and on which the work is going along efficiently will be given preference over the less valuable and less efficient projects.

Foremanship Training Notable Success

Few phases of WPA have aroused the in-erest of its executives and foremen more han the Foremanship Training classes vhich are being concluded with atten-lance records which surpass the most op-imistic expectation of state leaders when he sessions began in May.

From all parts of the state the Bulletin as received glowing reports of attendance nd enthusiasm at the meetings. Thou-ands of foremen, supervisors and other xecutives have eagerly seized the oppor-unity to study their problems, exchange leas and absorb training which can only esult in a higher standard of supervision or WPA projects.

Many newspapers throughout the state ave editorially applauded the Foreman-hip Training Institute and public reac-on to the idea has been friendly and vorable.

In several instances foremen employed y private industry asked and were granted ermission to attend the classes as ob-rvers. All say the training will be very eful to them in private industry.

Attendance was not compulsory and the ajority of classes were held after work-g hours. Heavy attendance, in view of is, is a tribute to the character of WPA remen and supervisors.

Space does not permit a complete report the Foremanship Training throughout e state. We can only list a few of the ghlights in the various districts.

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Puppy Has Costly Meal

New Bedford—Serial for breakfast (and we don't mean cereal), was on the menu of a capering puppy here the other day when he chewed off the serial number on the WPA pay check of Miss Ruth Joseph.

Because the puppy had swallowed the all-important serial number, banks refused to cash the check. She appealed to the finance division to replace the mutilated check with another one. "For", she explained, "I can't afford to give my puppy such an expensive breakfast."

Barre Bridge To Have New Type Steel Arch

Barre—Fabricated steel arches, an innovation in this state, will be placed in the WPA-built Mechanic Street bridge on which work recently began.

In this so-called multiplate process the plates, which weigh about 650 pounds each, are bolted together. Concrete will be placed over the arches.

The old Mechanic Street bridge, which is on the main road from Barre to Hubbardston, was washed out by the 1936 flood.

Foremanship Training

(*Continued from* page *1*)

District One

Attendance at Lawrence, Haverhill, Gloucester and Newburyport was 100 per cent. In Lynn and Salem it was better than 80 per cent.

District Two

More than 900 of 1000 eligible attend classes. Lowell has heaviest attendance with Framingham, Cambridge and Somerville next highest in that order. Week of July 9 to be Safety Week throughout district as foremen discuss safety methods.

District Three

Between June 8 and June 22 a total of 160 classes were held. Largest attendance: 700 on June 15. Total registration, 797. Average attendance. 611.

District Four

Courses completed in 39 cities and towns. Interested visitor to classes: Mrs. Louis McHenry Howe, widow of the late secretary to the President.

Courses in progress in 32 cities and towns. Average attendance throughout district better than 90 per cent.

District Five

Sessions extending beyond closing hour, due to interest and enthusiasm. Weekly sessions being held in Worcester, Fitchburg, Webster, Milford, Blackstone and Gardner.

District Six

In manual division, 34 meetings weekly in 17 locations. Attendance heavy. Professional and service groups began meetings June 24, will conclude July 12. Manual classes will conclude July 15.

CHAMPION WORCESTER WPA SWIMMERS

Worcester's WPA Lakeview Recreation Center has a banner crop of young stars on its swimming teams this season. Members of the girl's swim team, above, standing from left to right: Phyllis LaConte, New England breast, back and free style junior woman's champion, member of the national free style 100 yard relay team and a member of the New England senior 880 yard free style relay team; Patricia Power, senior New England 1 mile champion, junior national 1 mile champ, junior 300 yard medley, 100 yard free style and 100 yard back stroke champ, senior New England 880 yard champ and member of the junior national relay team; Florence Connors, WPA Swimming Instructor; Ann Dunn and Dorothy Cantwell both members of the junior New England 200 yard free style relay team. Members of the boy's swimming team, left to right: Arthur Lavoie, Henry Arvad, Leo Goodney, Jack Carney, Joe Limoli.

Research Workers Find Notes of Puritan Romance

Boston—Love found a way even under the flinty gaze of Puritan elders nearly 300 years ago, according to notes found scribbled on the blank first page of an old record book by members of a project indexing and preserving Boston's ancient vital statistics.

Notes written on the blank cover page of a record book dated 1650 constituted a ruse by which a nameless pair of sweethearts made dates and penned tender messages. The page was found folded in the middle to escape the scrutiny of anyone who might be impelled to throw cold water on the affair.

"I waited long for thee in the meadow last evening," one note said. "Why didst thou not come?" Under it the reply said coyly, "I had to go to meeting. Thou wilt not wait in vain this evening."

But the notes end abruptly at the bottom of the page without giving a hint as to the outcome of the romance.

Outmoded Trolley Tracks Removed in Street Repair

Orange—Last vestiges of the trolley era here, a half mile of tracks and ties of the defunct Athol and Orange Street Railway Company, are being removed on East Main Street.

The tracks, over which trolleys clattered for 40 years previous to 1932, will be replaced with a concrete center strip in the heavily traveled highway. In recent years the tracks have been a hazard for motorists, particularly during stormy weather.

Despite nearly a half century in the ground, white oak ties are in a good state of preservation. The wood will be used by the street department. When the street railway went out of business the steel rails were sold to a local firm which is salvaging them as they are removed.

Removal of the tracks and resurfacing will greatly improve this link in the busy Route 2 to Worcester.

"Cape Cod Pilot" Favorably Received

The first publication of the Federal Writers' Project, "Cape Cod Pilot," a colorfully written guide to picturesque Cape Cod, is obtaining a very favorable reception.

The book contains 420 pages of informal and interesting stories, legends of the narrow land, descriptive tours of the places a visitor should see and several beautiful illustrations.

Each town is treated individually and the entire Cape is covered from Bourne to Provincetown. Written alike for the "Off-Cape furriner" and the "native" the book is packed with Cape colloquialisms, people and places. Tour directions are kept to a minimum but no point of historic interest or scenic interest is overlooked.

State Relief Workers Benefit

Certified relief workers are receiving 99.1 percent of WPA employment in Massachusetts.

Excepting Vermont, Massachusetts leads the nation in the number of certified relief cases on its rolls.

The above facts are incorporated in a recent report made public by National Administrator Harry L. Hopkins.

These facts show the results of the drive by the state administration to give employment to those men and women who are most in need of help.

Flood Damaged Playground To Have More Facilities

South Hadley—"Beachground", this town's only athletic field, badly damaged by the 1936 flood, is being reconstructed with several innovations.

New features of the athletic field will be tennis courts, an ice skating rink and a children's playground.

Baseball fans here are eagerly watching the progress of the work in the hope that the field will be in condition for baseball games before another summer passes. If the loamed and levelled baseball field is solid enough, baseball games will be allowed in a short time and seeding will be postponed until autumn.

Unusual Signature

Swansea—"Put your John Hancock here," said Inspector James L. Sheehan as he delivered "chipper" goggles to a WPA worker here recently.

As he started away with the receipt he glanced at it and found his words had been taken literally—the worker had signed "John Hancock."

"What's the idea of signing John Hancock?" Sheehan demanded.

"Because that's my name," said John Hancock of the local roadside beautification project as he adjusted the goggles and started chipping rocks.

Commonwealth Avenue Underpass To Relieve Congested Traffic

WPA workmen building Commonwealth Avenue underpass.

By FRANK J. KEEFE

Boston—Many a motorist has slid under busy Massachusetts Avenue through the Memorial Drive underpass in Cambridge and given a mental vote of thanks to the builders of the tunnel. For years that junction had been the cause of commuting motorists being late for work or dinner.

A similar underpass is being built on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, where it crosses Massachusetts Avenue. Next year, when the underpass is completed and put into operation, thousands of motorists will benefit by elimination of this traffic-jammed intersection.

Often during the evening and morning rush hours, Commonwealth Avenue is packed for several blocks with motors, three abreast. The traffic jams often extend clear back to Kenmore Square on the west and within a few blocks of Arlington Street on the east. Those are the times when the harassed motorist fervently wishes his car could sprout wings and glide over the jam.

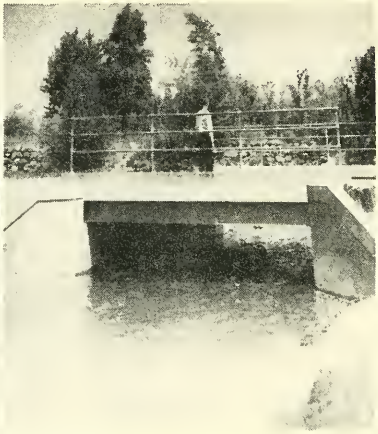
Workmen have already began removing water pipes, conduits, telephone lines and gas mains from the proposed path of the underpass. It will extend from Hereford Street to a point about midway between Massachusetts Avenue and Charlesgate.

The $500,000 cost of the project would be considerably more if it was necessary to buy private property for the underpass. As it will be built on the park department reservation in the center of the street no land takings will be required.

The east and west lanes of the underpass will each be wide enough to allow two cars to proceed abreast.

For several years traffic engineers have realized that no adjustment of green and red lights can adequately move traffic during rush hours at this intersection of two of the most heavily traveled avenues in the city. The underpass to relieve the congestion is expected to be completed by April, next year. The Boston Transit Commission is sponsor. The federal allocation is $326,716 and the City of Boston will contribute $196,702. The project will give employment to more than 400.

WPA BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORK



BEFORE AND AFTER

Spencer—When the floods of last year had passed the wide open space pictured above was all that was left of wooden Cooney Road Bridge spanning Seven Mile Brook. Today, skilled WPA workmen have replaced the old bridge with the above reinforced steel and concrete structure.

Repairing Sewage Tanks Far From Pleasant Job

FITCHBURG—Unseen heroes of WPA are a score of men working 26 feet underground in semi-darkness, dampness and mud, repairing Imhoff Tank No. 1 at the sewage disposal plant.

The men descend a gas chimney and work from two to three hours underground before they come up for a breath of fresh air before resuming their difficult labors.

The Imhoff tank is the last of five which have been repaired by work relief labor. Old concrete walls of the tanks have been torn out and replaced with new walls two inches thicker than the original structure.

Bicycle Races Popular

QUINCY—First entrant in the bicycle races to be held here June 30 under the auspices of the recreation project was Miss Myrtle Foster, 15, of Quincy, winner of the girls' race last year.

The boys will race over a 10-mile course while the girls will spin their wheels over eight miles to the finish line. Last year's course was about twice as long, considered too gruelling a distance for the youngsters this year.

As the Bulletin went to press there was tremendous interest in the races with entries likely to exceed the 62 who competed last year.

Federal Theatre Begins Series of Radio Sketches

Federal Theatre is on the air. A series of broadcasts, to be given twice a week, began June 28 at 9:30 P.M. with a presentation of the trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice," from Station WHDH.

On July 1 at 3 P.M. from Station WMEX, Federal Theatre will begin a series called "Portraits in Oil" with a half hour dramatic sketch on the life and works of John Corot, famous painter.

There are 21 thespians in this new unit of Federal Theatre directed by Kendall Weston.

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EDUCATION DIVISION WPA BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

PERSONALS

Miss Ruth Cousens, for more than a year a secretary in District Two recreation project headquarters, has resigned to become the June bride of James Austen Foote of Winthrop.

Another June bride is Miss Mary C. O'Brien, a Springfield recreation supervisor, who married Thomas J. McCook of Marlboro.

One-time holder of the world's record for 600 yards in intercollegiate circles is Henry F. McCloskey, District Five safety engineer. "Mac" captained the Boston College track team for three years, graduating in 1927.

For 35 years William E. Brown, timekeeper of Gardner, was a dancing teacher. Taught more than 25,000 to trip the light fantastic. He once owned the dancing pavilion at Salem Willows.

Capt. John Sweeney has resigned from army exectuive work at the Nashua river flood control project to open an engineering office in Fitchburg. He'll be missed.

William Mathews of Fitchburg has resigned from WPA to become manager of a curtain manufacturing plant in North Carolina. Congratulations, Bill.

Dynamite expert in District Five is Lucius J. Shephard, B.S., former professor at the University of Maine and the National Farm College in Pennsylvania. He can blast rock along a chalked line without varying two inches from the mark. "It's all in the way you aim it," he says.

The 120 typists on the Boston library re-classification project recently typed 18,640 record cards in a single day. They aim to hang up a record of 20,000 cards a day. In view of the fact many of the cards contain foreign words and phrases the typing record is remarkable.

Important to pupils of the Malvern Road School in Worcester is completion of a project which installed an oil-burning heating system in the school. A little project which will mean a lot to school children next winter.

Five women employed on the Westfield sewing project have secured jobs with a manufacturer. One WPA woman, hired by the manufacturer, proved so efficient her boss hired four more from the sewing project. When the women joined the WPA they knew very little about sewing.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

WORKS PROGRESS BULLETIN

MASSACHUSETTS

LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH. State Administrator.

USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

AUGUST 16, 1937

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

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TO ALL PROJECT WORKERS!

The Director of Finance has received a request from the Treasury Accounts Office asking that we extend the time of payment for those receiving checks to five days instead of four days; in case of checks delivered by hand to 96 hours instead of 72 hours.

The Director of Finance approves this request.

In compliance with the request from the Treasury Accounts Office, the Administrator has approved the issuing of payrolls one day later than at present; for example, payrolls due on Monday will be paid on Tuesday, those due on Tuesday will be paid on Wednesday and so on.

Thls is intended to give you two weeks' notice as the effective date will be September 1st. After September 1st checks will be received one day later than at the present time.

"Unfinished Business" Proved Inaccurate

July 19 The Boston Herald began a series of daily articles entitled "Unfinished Business."

Because statements in these articles lid not coincide with the facts; the Bulletin in this issue is devoting considerable space to point out the more glaring misrepresentations and half-truths in the Herald series.

The Bulletin regrets limitation of pace prevents an analysis of each Herald article. The facts about each rticle, with photographic evidence, are n file in the Bulletin office. These files re open for inspection.

The Herald's story about the Camridge water supply is typical of the ntire series.

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MUST PROVE CITIZENSHIP

During July, instructions were issued to the field which stated that all WPA employees were required to present verification of their citizenship and of their veteran's status in order to comply with the provisions of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1937.

The Bulletin wishes to take this opportunity to review what steps have been taken so that all workers will have a clear understanding of what they are required to do. The Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1937, which appropriated the money to carry on the WPA through June 30, 1938, required that preference in employment on WPA projects be given to (1) American veterans of the World War or Spanish War, (2) citizens of the United States, and (3) persons who have filed their intentions of becoming citizens of the United States. (The practical effect of this rule at the present time in Massachusetts will mean that veterans and citizens only can be employed on WPA projects because of the number of veterans and citizens applying for these jobs.)

Form 4530 was distributed through the Timekeepers to all project workers. Each project worker is required to fill out this form in full. On this form, each worker will certify over his or her signature that he or she is a citizen. Each worker must give as evidence of this citizenship either a birth certificate or naturalization papers. In case the worker is presenting naturalization papers as evidence of his citizenship, he should take his papers to the nearest field office—to the Division of Intake and Certification. This division will certify on his employment records that the worker has presented evidence of his citizenship. It will not be necessary to give up these naturalization papers or to leave copies.

Field Offices are located at the following points:

18 Oliver Street	BOSTON
51 Inman Street	CAMBRIDGE
Broadway and Dutton Streets	LOWELL
Old Town Hall	SALEM
1290 Davol Street	FALL RIVER
71 Centre Street	BROCKTON
253 Main Street	HYANNIS
196 Worthington Street	SPRINGFIELD
1 Assonet Street	WORCESTER
Fox and Elm Streets	FITCHBURG
Old Court House	GREENFIELD
Mill and Hawthorne Streets	PITTSFIELD

Those persons who are veterans of either the World War or Spanish War, will so state over their own signature on Form 4530, and attach to this form copies of their discharge papers.

Any questions of doubt as to how a worker shall give evidence of his citizenship or of his veteran's status, should be taken directly to the Intake and Certification Division in the nearest Field Office.

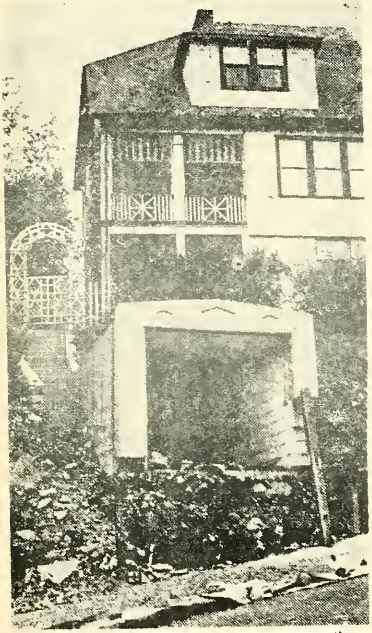
Instructions have been sent to all certifying agencies calling their attention to these provisions in the Relief Act of 1937, stating that they should not certify persons who are not citizens of the United States, and stating that they shall give preference to veterans in certifications submitted to the Employment Division.

The Bulletin wishes to remind each worker that the burden of proof of citizenship or veteran's status rests with the individual worker, and that WPA officials are required under law to employ only citizens.

THE TRUTH ABOUT "

BOSTON HERALD, July 31, 1937

Unfinished Business



This garage has been of no use for many months.

How change of grading left front walks stranded.

July 28 and 29 the Herald pilloried Fowles pond and Mill brook projects in Arlington. Unmentioned was the terrific damage caused by Mill brook in the flood of March, 1936. Town Engineer James Keane has interesting photographs of the damage caused by Mill brook during the flood.

Above:

Bulletin photographs taken July 31. Note finished sidewalk. The controversy between the property owner and the Town of Arlington which kept the garage above the sidewalk grade was settled when the Herald photograph was printed.

Below:

How the section looked before WPA began improvements.

Aug. 2 the Herald said the Wentworth avenue sewer in Lowell is "incomplete" and dwelt on the cost per foot of the job. The facts: The sewer is complete and serves about 50 houses in the neighborhood from which sewage formerly drained into Marshall's brook constituting a health menace. The Herald photograph showed the unfinished street under which the sewer is performing valuable service. There never has been a WPA project to build this street.

Arlington Improves Three Streets

An old proverb says one picture is worth 10,000 words. This truism is amply demonstrated by the layout to the left of this column comparing The Boston Herald's "Unfinished Business" series of July 31 with photographs taken on July 31 and a photograph of the section before the WPA project began.

But words are necessary to point out the inaccuracies in the Herald article. The Herald said "Federal funds amounting to $42,000 were allotted for the work." The facts: Federal funds amounting to $29,618 were allotted of which $27,510.55 has been actually spent. Materials and a small portion of the supervisory wages amounting to $26,969.58 were paid by the Town of Arlington.

Argyle road is 540 feet long, 40 feet wide. Dundee road is 876 feet long, 40 feet wide. Hibbert street is 1098 feet long, 40 feet wide. The entire surface of these streets was resurfaced and macadamized. Granolithic sidewalks five feet wide with two-foot grass strips were laid on both sides of these streets. There was no sewer work. Employed on the project were laborers, concrete mixer operators, tractor operators, carpenters, cement finishers, curb setters, stone masons, rodmen, draftsmen, foremen and supervisors.

When the Herald article was printed the Town of Arlington had settled damages with the owner of the garage. As the Bulletin photograph shows, the entrance to a driveway has been made for use when the garage is lowered to the proper level.

The Herald calls half-ramp- half sidewalk construction at corners where there are steep grades "peculiar." It is very practical for elderly persons, women with baby carriages and for everybody on icy days.

600 PER CENT. WRONG

Aug. 5 the Herald's "Unfinished Business" article was more than 600 per cent. in error. It was headlined "WPA Spent $48,000 For Gravel In Lowell That Could Have Been Bought For $5000." The article said the cost of producing the gravel and clay had been "about $13.50 per cubic yard."

The facts: The Herald reporter made the mistake of dividing the amount of gravel produced in only one of five different periods by $48,000. As a matter of fact screened clay, screened gravel, screened sand and ordinary gravel was produced at a cost of $2.20 a cubic yard.

FINISHED BUSINESS"

"Unfinished Business" Proved Inaccurate

In the following letter sent to the Herald, Mayor John D. Lynch of Cambridge says:

Editor
Boston Herald
Boston, Massachusetts
Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to an article appearing in your paper on July 20, 1937 criticizing work at Hobbs Brook Reservoir of the Cambridge Water Supply system. Your article described Hobbs Brook as in Weston. It is in Lincoln and part of Waltham.

It is with a view of correcting certain gross inaccuracies that I am moved to write to you and to forward herewith visible photographic evidence of the splendid work carried on at this location by the Cambridge Water Department, under Superintendent Timothy Good, with the aid of Federal Funds allocated by the Works Progress Administration.

The work at this location included rip-rapping nine miles of shore of the reservoir, a total area of about 500,000 square feet, clearing 316 acres of the watershed of trees and underbrush, and setting out of about 50,000 young pine trees. Large trees on the shore of Hobbs Brook Reservoir were cut down—the wood going to those on relief in Cambridge. Hundreds of stumps were pulled from the ground and were piled in a large hole 10 feet deep and 30 feet in width. They are being used as firewood by Cambridge Veteran Organizations.

Your article criticized W.P.A. because tall grass, shown in the photograph published with your article, has grown on the shores of Hobbs Brook since the job was finished. Before the present harmless grass came the entire shore was a mass of tangled underbrush and trees. Leaves from the trees in the fall of the year blocked screens over outlets of the reservoir carrying water to purifying plants. This condition was remedied by the W.P.A.

Your figures report that $28,000 was first granted for clearing the land, another $73,000 was spent and a $40,000 project for more work is "pending."

The actual records show the following figures for grubbing and clearing:

	Estimated	Actually Spent
Federal Funds	$28,980.00	$28,004.28
Cambridge Contribution	6,284.00	6,210.00
	$35,264.00	$34,214.28

For Rip-rapping		
Federal Funds	$33,627.00	$29,440.20
Cambridge Contribution	16,280.00	——
	$49,907.00	$29,440.20

Thus in the total work the cost was estimated at $85,171.00. Under the direction of Superintendent Good of the Cambridge Water Dept. the job was finished with an exact expenditure of $63,754.00—an actual saving on the job of the sum of $21,417.00.

The figure of $40,000 on work "pending" undoubtedly refers to the project now in operation at Stony Brook Reservation, the Weston Basin of the Cambridge Water Supply System.

We in Cambridge are proud of the work accomplished by the Works Progress Administration, and were it not for the Federal assistance given to us on the project which your paper has unfairly criticized our water supply systems would not be in the splendid conditions which they now are.

Mayor John D. Lynch,
Cambridge, Mass.

Herald photo, July 22

View of the Braintree reservoir showing cleared land at the water's edge and stumps and vegetation in the water.

Bulletin photo, July 22

BRAINTREE RESERVOIR

On July 22 the Boston Herald headlined one of its "Unfinished Business" articles: "$20,000 Initial ERA Relief Project, Still Incomplete, Under WPA Topped $60,000."

The facts are: Federal funds under WPA expended on the Braintree reservoir amount to $42,806.

Great Pond reservoir serves the towns of Braintree, Randolph and Holbrook. Braintree, alone, in summer uses between 1,000,000 and 1,500,000 gallons of water a day. Before this project it was usually necessary in midsummer to extend a suction line to the middle of the dangerously lowered pond to get water.

A four-foot earth dam, neatly rip-rapped was built on the King Hill road end of the reservoir. A concrete spillway was constructed. Project work has already raised the level of the pond two feet, increased its capacity 100,000,000 gallons. Awaiting approval is a project calling for $16,497 of federal funds which will raise the pond level two more feet, increase the reservoir capacity more than 300,000,000 gallons. And the few stumps pictured by the Herald will be cleaned out.

"A wonderful project and one which has benefitted every resident of Braintree, Randolph and Holbrook," says George A. Walker, chairman of the Braintree water board.

More "Unfinished Business"

July 21 the Boston Herald headlined "Bellingham Still Wonders What Will Become of $30,000 Playfield Begun Last Spring." The facts: There was $9704.40 of federal funds spent. Work was stopped when town officials decided to apply for a PWA grant to build a much needed school on the land instead of a playground. Work already done is of value whichever way it goes.

July 30 the Herald said "the town of Avon itself has no need of a flood control system because of its altitude." Chairman Michael F. Clark of the Avon board of selectmen says several residents were about to sue the town for damages unless something was done about controlling brooks which were eating their land away. The Herald did not photograph or mention land reclaimed on which a house is being built or a mile of drainage ditches lined with fieldstone, joined together with a mixture of mortar and cement.

Bird's-eye view of the Boston WPA Commonwealth Avenue undepass construction showing extent of tunneling work under Massachusetts Avenue. WPA workmen are working day and night to complete this project which will eliminate most of the traffic congestion on this busy thoroughfare.

New City Garages for Medford, Malden

Municipal garages for Medford and Malden will save those cities considerable money in garage rentals and in preservation of equipment which otherwise would be left outdoors.

Medford, which has been without a city garage since the advent of the automobile, has a $240,000 structure which houses 150 pieces of equipment, the highway department office, storerooms, sand pit, blacksmith shop, greasing pit, carpenter shop, tool room, repair shop, headlight adjusting room, two gasoline pumps, lavatories and showers. The garage covers 31,200 square feet and is octagonal in shape. It was built on the site of the old city stables.

Malden's municipal garage is more than 60 per cent. complete.

Newton Brook Damage Halted by Projects

NEWTON—Flood damage by two brooks which formerly went on rampages during spring floods has been eliminated by construction of masonry walls for a mile and a quarter in Cheesecake brook and for 830 feet in Laundry brook.

New State Headquarters

As of Monday, August 9, all offices of the state administrative force of the Massachusetts Works Progress Administration are located at 600 Washington Street, Boston, having moved from the Park Square Building, Boston.

Indian arrowheads are being found by WPA workmen grading the Westfield Airport. A fine specimen was found by John E. Boyle, supervisor.

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PERSONALS

Herbert M. Moran who left a general supervisor's job in WPA to resume contracting has hired most of his men from WPA ranks. The firm is John Moran, Inc., of Fitchburg which has contracts to build bridges in Lunenburg and Berlin.

Charles Stepath, formerly of the District Six administrative staff, is now employed by the Springfield department of streets and engineering in charge of WPA project work.

Willard B. Porter, managing editor of the Salem Evening News has appointed a playground reporter for each WPA playground in Beverly. The youthful reporters submit copy to the newspaper's playground editor. And they rate by-lines.

A promising amateur photographer is Hugo Jamnback of the Worcester compensation staff. Won honorable mention in the photo contest in the Worcester Sunday Telegram.

Supervisor Augustine T. Walsh of Lawrence playgrounds says its difficult to interest youngsters in dances popular 70 years ago. The majority are eager to learn tap dancing. The Shirley Temple influence.

"Jerry" Shanahan, supervisor of time control in Worcester, is hitting the ball hard these days for the Brockerts Brewery nine of the Worcester County Industrial League. His batting has had a lot to do with the league leading team's eight straight wins with no losses.

Amesbury town officials are listing those cut from WPA rolls with the objective of doing everything possible to place them in private industry. James Gillespie, WPA coordinator and Miss Lillian E. Brady, clerk of the municipal welfare board have volunteered to make the informal registration.

FLASH! Louis Katz, State Coordinator of Statistical Research and Survey, became the father of an eight-pound boy Aug. 9. "He's just 22 inches long," smiled the statistician as he passed out cigars. You're sure he wasn't 21⅞ inches, Louis?

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LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH. State Administrator

USA WORK PROGRAM WPA

SEPT. 1, 1937

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

WPA ADMINISTRATOR MEETS WITH MAYORS

Left to right: Mayor Alexander C. Murray, of Fall River; Mayor George E. Dalrymple, of Haverhill; Administrator John J. McDonough; Mayor Dewey G. Archambault, of Lowell; Mayor William P. Yoerg, of Holyoke; Mayor Edward J. Voke, of Chelsea; Fred J. Franz, Attleboro Welfare Department; Mayor Weston U. Friend, of Gloucester; Mayor Walter A. Griffin, of Lawrence, and Mayor Daniel E. McLean, of Beverly.

Sponsors' Contributions for Sewing Project Materials Discussed

Forty mayors and welfare officials of Massachusetts cities met with Administrator John J. McDonough, August 20, to discuss the problems of supplies for sewing projects in the state. Under Federal regulations WPA contributions for materials on these products cannot exceed five dollars per month per person on the project. The balance of the cost must be borne by the sponsor.

Sponsors' contributions for materials to be used during October, November and December must be in the hands of the WPA by September 15. The cost per person to the sponsor will be about $12 per month per worker. Formerly the Federal Government bore the entire material cost. Payments must be made quarterly.

The limiting of Federal contributions for materials on projects is for the purpose of making as much of the Federal Relief appropriation as possible available for wages to the worker.

Following the conference Mayor George E. Dalrymple of Haverhill, president of the Mayors' Club of Massachusetts, wrote to those mayors not present at the meeting outlining the subject of the discussion.

Mayor Dalrymple said in part: "Operating the projects on this basis would undoubtedly be an advantage to the cities because on the best estimates available it would cost $18-$19 a month to support the average woman now employed on projects by direct relief. It is doubtful if the total costs of operation will exceed $14. While this saving may not appear large, we cannot lose sight of the fact that Federal money is coming into the city through wages of these women."

NO REDUCTIONS IN WPA DURING WINTER MONTHS

On August 27, all Massachusetts Mayors and Selectmen were notified that no further reductions would be made in state quotas during the coming winter months. Colonel McDonough's letter follows:

Dear Sir:

I know you are vitally concerned with the question of Massachusetts quota for Works Progress Administration workers in your respective communities.

In an effort to relieve your minds of the fear that there will be further reductions in WPA employment during the winter months, I am quoting in full copy of a letter which has been received today from Harry L. Hopkins, which is self-explanatory:

"Hon. Lewis B. Schwellenbach
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Schwellenbach:

Confirming our telephone conversation, may I say that the Works Progress Administration has now a fixed policy of furloughing all persons who receive temporary jobs and guaranteeing them reemployment on the Works Progress Administration at the expiration of those jobs.

The quota reductions have been completed to the extent that, during the remainder of this calendar year and through the winter months, it will not be necessary to remove employable persons from the Works Progress Administration who do not have private employment unless they are removed for cause.

I should say further that it is our desire to continue the policy of replacing workers who receive temporary employment, and I do not believe that it will be necessary to initiate a new policy to forcibly remove otherwise competent workers from the W.P.A. rolls unless they have private employment.

Yours very sincerely,

HARRY L. HOPKINS
Administrator"

Very truly yours,

JOHN J. McDONOUGH
Administrator

FORMAL AND INFORMAL V

OFFICIALS OF THE FALL RIVER FIELD OFFICE

Seated, left to right—Thomas Canan, supervisor, Compensation; William H. Duffy, field engineer; Dominic Welsh, supervisor, Educational and Recreational Projects; John O. Taber, office engineer; Walter F. Como, supervisor, Operations; Loring H. Jacobs, supervisor, Professional and Service Projects; Alexander Johnson, engineer, and Raymond Coner, chief clerk. Standing, left to right—Miss Anna Flynn, Miss Frances Clarkin, Miss Mary Curran, Miss Ann Cleary, Miss Dorothy Vaill, Miss Loretta Lynch, Miss Wilhemina Connelly and Miss Florence Sharrock.

Roaming around the state recently a Bulletin cameraman snapped the ac companying pictures in ten of the dozer field offices. The better known Bostor and Cambridge offices were not included.

Our main purpose is to give WPA workers a visual idea of the outlying field offices and bits of news picked up during the tour.

SALEM

Most historic field office is in Old Town Hall, Derby square, Salem, built in 1785, completely renovated by ERA and WPA and loaned to WPA by the city.

When District One headquarters was in Barton square, Salem, the office employed about 300. In the new field office in Old Town Hall there are about 50.

LOWELL

Unlike other WPA offices during the change from the district to the area set-up, personnel in Lowell was increased from 25 to 60. In the change Lowel added departments of Intake and Certification, Mrs. Louise Graves, supervisor, and Labor Relations, Thomas Carlin, supervisor.

Chief of Operations in Lowell is Frank D. Carey, formerly of District One, Salem.

The Lowell office remains in the Giant Store building, Broadway and Dutton streets.

PITTSFIELD FIELD OFFICE

Right—George Diamond, of Time Control, wouldn't disappoint the photographer. Two others in the office said: "No, No and No, No!"

LOWELL FIELD OFFICE

Left — Nathaniel M. Sweet, Officer Engineer, and his secretary, Miss Mary Callery, both insisted they didn't take good pictures but this print shows them to be wrong.

A CONFERENCE IN THE

James A. Carberry, Liaison Officer, lef ations, confer while Miss Helen Mur

EWS OF WPA FIELD OFFICE

We heard that Vincent Mahoney has ft WPA to work his way through ental college.

FALL RIVER

Quarters in the Weetamoe Mill were tained when Fall River changed from eadquarters of District Four to Field ffice Five. As a district office it emoyed 240. As a field office it emoys 64.

When the Fall River group was phographed, Mrs. Margaret E. Wallace, pervisor of Women's and Professnal Projects, was on annual leave at antucket.

Not until we talked to his associates d we learn that Alexander Johnson, fice engineer, was chief engineer for ew York city's bridge department nen the Manhattan bridge was built.

BROCKTON

First thing we heard in Brockton was at Joseph B. McBrien, assigned to the ld office, has resigned to become statical research engineer in the Massausetts department of public works. is succeeded by George S. Darling. Girls in the Brockton office, where ere is no switchboard, say they are lucing walking to the five telephones.

HYANNIS

Miss Mary Keveney and Raymond y, formerly of the Hyannis office, are

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WITH THE CAMERA IN SPRINGFIELD FIELD OFFICE

Seated, left to right—Mrs. Bernice McPhee, supervisor, Intake and Certification; Dennis O'Neil, supervisor, Time Control; Thomas E. Quirk, supervisor, Labor Relations; Timothy J. Collins, liaison officer, who was formerly director of District Six; Michael J. Daley, Supervisor of Operations, and Mrs. Margaret Condron, secretary. Standing, left to right Luke J. Macken, Jr., supervisor, Compensation; Mrs. Margaret Kane, clerk; Miss Edna Ehrlich, secretary; Mrs. Aurelia Burns, secretary; Miss Gladys E. Page, assistant secretary; Miss Margaret O'Connell, secretary; Daniel Weiner, clerk.

GREENFIELD FIELD OFFICE

Left—Thomas P. Frawley, of Time Control, at his desk in the "spookey" old County Courthouse, says the ghosts of the prisoners sentenced to death from that same room never bother him. We noticed Thomas had his fingers crossed when he spoke.

ESTER FIELD OFFICE

ames Meehan, Supervisor of Operds by with the necessary papers.

FITCHBURG FIELD OFFICE

Right—Miss Anne R. Snow, Supervisor of Intake and Certification, was as cool and collected as her name implies despite the thermometer, which was threatening to break out of the glass.

LENS-EYE VIEW OF THE BROCKTON FIELD OFFICE

Seated, left to right—Mrs. Betsy Burkhead, Miss Margaret McSweeney, Miss Ruth Gillespie, Miss Julia Alfieri, Miss Doris Smith, Mrs. Mary Millard and Miss Cecelia O'Rourke. Standing, left to right—William J. Larkin, John F. Devlin, Thomas F. Larkin, Eugene F. Atwood and Walter Liberty.

(Continued from Page 3)

now employed by Boston brokerage firms.

There is a square in Hyannis named for Clarence A. Crowell, winner of a Croix de Guerre, who is WPA Coordinator in Barnstable.

WORCESTER

Well arranged is Field Office Eight at 1 Assonet street, Worcester, formerly a factory.

James Carberry, former Director of District Five, is Liaison Officer, and James Meehan is Chief of Operations.

Ralph H. Lavers, in charge of white collar projects, was elected a State Vice Commander of the American Legion at the recent New Bedford convention.

Felix J. Bouvier, former Disbursing Officer, has been appointed clerk of the board of selectmen in Southbridge.

SPRINGFIELD

News in Springfield was that Theodore Zavorski, Field Engineer, had resigned to accept a position with a firm building a bridge over the Ohio river at Cairo, Ill.

Timothy J. Collins, former District Six Director, present Liaison Officer, had just completed reorganizing the office. Tim's hobby is doing welfare work for the Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Elks.

GREENFIELD

Since the change from the district to the area setup the Greenfield office staff has been reduced from forty to three. The three: Thomas P. Frawley, Time Control; Joseph H. Cullen, Area Engineer, and Miss Anna McLellan, Intake and Certification.

FITCHBURG

Here we learned that Rep. Philip J. Lynch was a steamfitter on WPA before the last state election.

Miss Anne R. Snow of Intake and Certification showed us the fire drill tower behind the field office at Fox and Elm streets, built by WPA.

PITTSFIELD

Away out west in Massachusetts we found the field office in the old Eaton-Crane Paper Company factory beside the Housatonic river. George Diamond, Time Control, was the only one of three in the office who wasn't camera-shy. So we snapped him at his desk and completed the tour.

CANDID VIEW OF SALEM FIELD OFFICE

Mrs. Mary C. Kendall, supervisor, Intake and Certification, pauses beside the telephone switchboard to give some information to the girl at the right. At the switchboard is Miss Mary S. Shea.

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PRODUCTION DIVISION WPA BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

HYANNIS FIELD OFFICE

Frank Gay, of Time Control, and Miss Rita Burke, clerk, bend over their work as the camera shutter clicks.

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—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

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MUST ACCEPT PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT

Corrington Gill Addresses New England Mayors

"Federal Work Relief Plans of WPA for 1938" will be discussed by Corrington Gill, Assistant National WPA Administrator, this Friday afternoon at the Hotel Statler, Boston, on the second of a three-day conference of New England Mayors and Selectmen.

Mr. Gill, who is in charge of Finance and Statistics, will be received in Boston by Lt. Col. John J. McDonough, State Administrator.

CORRINGTON GILL

Constitution Day

In honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution, the President has decreed a half holiday for all Federal employees, Friday afternoon, September 17.

WPA administrative personnel will be excused from work without loss of pay. Project work will be so scheduled that time so lost will be made up.

Notice to All Employees

WPA workers who refuse to accept outside employment will not be retained by the WPA.

Evidence of the above fact is found in the dismissals of many WPA workers who failed to answer offers of employment from the United States Employment Service, the Massachusetts State Employment Service or from private business.

The law requires that a worker must accept temporary or permanent employment when (1) the work is suitable to his training or experience, (2) the employment provides reasonable working conditions and (3) the work pays as much, or more, in compensation for the same length of service he receives, or could receive, under the Works Program. Also, "workers may not be discharged from projects for refusal to accept jobs where employees are locked out or on strike."

Investigating several dismissals, the Bulletin found some workers failed to answer offers of outside employment because they decided that the offer did not meet with some of the requirements mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

Such decision is a mistake.

The moment a WPA worker receives an offer of private employment he must, either by letter or personal visit, promptly acknowledge same.

The acceptability of the job offered will be decided by the WPA Employment Division.

When the worker does not answer the offer of employment, either by letter or personal visit, such neglect is automatically looked upon as a refusal of the offer. His name is sent to the Employment Division at State Headquarters and he is immediately dropped from the payroll, with a 403 marked "Refused to accept private employment."

One worker who was discharged for not answering an offer for private employment gave as an excuse for not answering that he already had a job with WPA. This is not acceptable. All WPA workers must accept any offer if it meets the conditions laid down above.

Another worker said he was afraid to accept private employment because he feared the work wouldn't last and he'd be unable to get back on the WPA.

In the Works Progress Bulletin, of July 14, Administrator McDonough guaranteed that room will be made for the return of Massachusetts WPA workers who go into private industry and lose their jobs through no fault of their own. That guarantee is still good.

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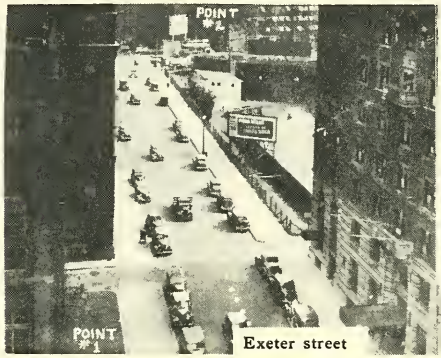
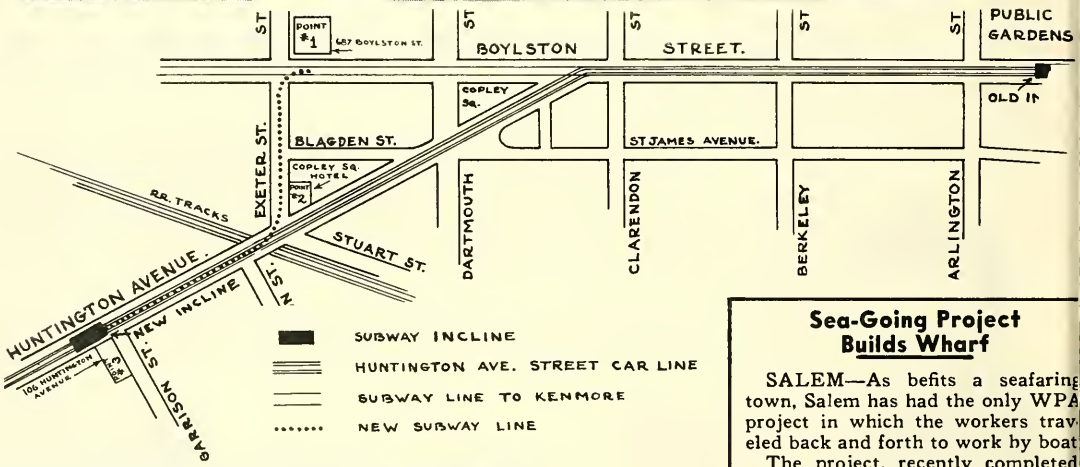
$2,000,000 SUBWAY BOSTON'S BIGGEST PROJECT



Exeter street

Huntington avenue



HUNTINGTON AVENUE SUBWAY TO EMPLOY 1400 A YEAR

Work for 1400 men for about a year will be provided by the $2,000,000 Huntington avenue subway in Boston on which initial construction has begun. At its peak the project will employ about 1400 on a six-shift basis.

Engineers, engaged in preliminary work, carefully inspected every building and every building foundation along the route of the subway extension to determine what steps will be necessary to prevent the settling of buildings.

The new subway for Huntington avenue street cars will branch from the Boylston street subway at Exeter street, continue under Exeter street to Huntington avenue and under Huntington avenue to an incline at Garrison street, opposite Mechanics building. The open ditch method will be used in excavating the 1165-foot, two-tube subway except at the junction of Huntington avenue and Exeter street. At that point subway builders will tunnel under railroad tracks without disrupting train schedules.

Construction of the subway will remove trolley cars from the surface of Boylston street between the incline at the Public Garden and Copley square and from Huntington avenue between Copley square and Garrison street.

Sea-Going Project Builds Wharf

SALEM—As befits a seafaring town, Salem has had the only WPA project in which the workers traveled back and forth to work by boat.

The project, recently completed, was the building of a new wharf, bridging and steps at the Baker's Island lighthouse.

Rotted timbers of the old wharf, built 82 years ago, made it unsafe for the keeper and many visitors attracted to the old lighthouse during the summer.

The water taxi, a motorboat, for the project workers was provided by the city public property department, sponsor of the project. Each morning the boat brought carpenters, masons and laborers from the shore to the lighthouse and carried them back to the city each evening.

Project workers say it was particularly pleasant during the frequent hot spells during the summer.

There has been a lighthouse on Baker's Island since 1798.

—HARRY L. HOPKINS.

EDITORIAL OPINIONS ABOUT WPA

LOWELL

"While the WPA has sponsored some frivolous activities of dubious worth to the communities in which they have been staged, sweeping allegations that scarcely anything of permanent value has been accomplished in Lowell is hardly fair as they are not in accord with the facts. . . .

"An extensive job of renovating and re-flooring has virtually been completed at the High School and Superintendent of Buildings William J. Gargan is authority for the statement that needed repairs were made at other school buildings which would not have been possible without the assistance of WPA.

"The flood relief project in the Merrimack river is an accomplishment which we should not underestimate. As a result of the dredging operations in the vicinity of the Pawtucket bridge, we are assured by the army engineers that the flood level at that point has been reduced two and one-half feet which will inure to the great advantage of that section in the event of further freshets.

"Similar work at lower points in the river, presumably, will be equally beneficial. Flood-ravaged streets also have been put into safe condition and the yeoman service of WPA workers during the flood of 1936 should never be forgotten. The construction of a temporary dam on the southerly side of the river above Wilder street ably supplemented the protective influence of Francis gate.

"Substantially constructed granolithic sidewalks in residential districts at a minimum cost of $1 per square yard to the abutters represent an activity that has made a permanent contribution to the convenience of the public and the beautification of the districts that have availed themselves of the opportunity afforded. In fact, WPA projects have been so numerous and so diversified that it is impossible to enumerate them offhand. . . ."—Lowell Telegram.

BOSTON

As summer begins the public have reason to thank the supervisors and workers of the WPA for the excellent progress being made toward completing projects. This is especially true along the highways where the completion of sidewalks, the installation of drainage basins, the grading of roadsides and the beautification of the landscape have all added to the attractiveness of our neighborhoods.

Present plans for the WPA call for completion of each and every project now in progress or begun. . . .

The advent of summer brings thousands of visitors through our state. Every improvement in public appearance spreads its appeal and increases the number of guests. This is not only a matter of pride. It is also a matter of sound business acumen. Let us not forget that.—Boston Globe.

NEEDHAM

Recently it has come to the attention of this paper that the WPA is often worthy of praise which it rarely receives. . . .

Few of us realize that these men are working for low wages, that they are permitted to work only a few days a week and that many are doing labor that is completely new to them. We've been too prone to criticize the salesman who finds it difficult to wield a shovel or the former bookkeeper who is not very expert with a crowbar. Such activity represents a major change in the lives of a large portion of the population and such a change should have been dealt with patiently and understandingly.

The WPA has built your roads, flood-controlled your rivers, cleared your forests. The musical division of the organization has been a solace to millions of unfortunates. The Federal Theatre has just been termed by Ford Madox Ford, an outstanding British critic, "The most significant movement in the history of the drama."

That's our WPA! — Needham News.

WHITMAN

Work will start Tuesday on the construction of a new sidewalk on the easterly side of Pleasant street from South avenue to the Reed school and the residents of East Whitman, who have watched the rebuilding of new sidewalk on the westerly side now nearly completed to Lazel street, express the wish that the same employees continue on their job with the same foremen in charge.

It is the unanimous opinion of the residents in that part of the town that this improvement has been made in the most satisfactory manner. The men appear to take as much interest in their work as if they were employed on their own premises. . . .—Brockton Enterprise.

PERSONALS

Motion pictures of projects at Hope cemetery, Worcester, were shown recently to a meeting of New England cemetery officials at Brandon, Vt. The pictures supplemented a talk by Supt. Oscar F. Burbank of the Worcester cemetery.

Edward B. Flynn, formerly with the District Five safety department, is now employed by the Fitchburg Park Commission.

During the land boom days in Florida, Denis O'Neil, supervisor of Time Control at Springfield, helped build Kelsey City.

Appointed assistant science instructor at Fitchburg's new million-dollar high school is Edmund B. Ryan, former WPA recreation. He will also have charge of motion picture showings and stage productions at the school.

An entire school year is being saved about 200 junior and senior high school students in Fall River who have studied at the WPA adult education summer classes. WPA certificates will give them a chance to prove they can keep up with their classes rather than endure the humiliation of being "kept back."

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RENOVATED SCHOOL

Ames School, Dedham, painted and repaired by WPA.

WPA Workers Prepare Schools for Openings

During the torrid summer, school children doubly enjoyed their vacations wading, bathing and learning to swim at WPA-built beaches and pools throughout the state.

As they whiled away the glorious summer days, thousands of WPA workers were busy preparing school buildings, school grounds, school athletic fields and playgrounds and school books for school openings this month.

To mention even briefly all WPA projects in connection with schools would require several issues of our Bulletin.

There is hardly a city or town throughout the state where at least one school has not been renovated by WPA workers; where playgrounds have not been built or where school books have not been repaired.

In Fitchburg the junior high school did double duty between the burning of the old high school in 1934 and the opening of the beautiful new high school. Badly needed repairs and renovation are tasks for WPA at the junior high school. Also in Fitchburg, WPA built a play area for pupils of the Goodrich street school and surrounded the playground with a wall and chain link fence.

Soon to be completed in Lynn is the athletic stadium which will be a boon to athletes and followers of sports in addition to extensive school repairs in which the federal government spent more than $100,000 for labor.

Concrete stands have replaced wooden bleachers at the Framingham high school football field.

Similar projects are in progress at West Springfield, Quincy and a dozen other places throughout the state.

In Leominster an old factory building has been transformed into the Meda Saxton Vocational School through WPA work and a bequest of Edward H. Saxton.

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PERSONALS

Private industry has claimed George F. Seifert of Leominster, former field engineer. He is now employed as an engineer with the contractors building a bridge in Winchendon.

John O. Taber of Fall River, chief field engineer, was a delegate to the 38th national encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Buffalo. John says it doesn't seem as if twenty years have rolled by since he was an engineer corps lieutenant with the A.E.F.

Varied has been the experience of Clayton Eaton, in charge of Federal music in Fitchburg. At one time he was a steamship radio operator. The chattering dots and dashes which sometimes break into a program are interesting conversation to him.

The late Winston Jackson was a slave owned by President Andrew Jackson. His son, Andrew Jackson, is head janitor at the Springfield office.

Congratulations to Miss Anna Flynn, formerly of the Fall River office staff, who now has a civil service position with the state's Industrial Accident Board.

Speaking of civil service, John H. Dooling, field engineer at Fitchburg, achieved a mark of 89 in an examination for foreman on state highways and 88 in an examination for U. S. engineer inspector. He is No. 1 on the list for a foreman's job.

An expert with a bow and arrow is John Adams, recreation instructor in Worcester. He has won many archery contests.

In the future John Paremba, night watchman on a Holyoke sewer project, will closely scrutinize every cat that approaches. Recently he fed part of his after-midnight lunch to what he thought was a cat. When the animal returned at daybreak for more food, John saw his "cat" was a skunk. He tried to drive it away with a stick, with very, very sad results for John.

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TRAINING

Each of the operating divisions—Division of Operations, Division of Women's and Professional Projects, Division of Education and Recreation—is planning to resume foremanship training courses during October. With the fall and winter season coming on, and with the assurance that there will be no curtailment in WPA employment in this State during the fall and winter, most project employees will welcome the re-establishment of these training courses.

Our past experience with these training courses have proved them to be invaluable. The enthusiasm with which supervisors and foremen accepted foremanship training courses last June is still fresh in the minds of field engineers and field supervisors of all three divisions.

The importance of training on this program cannot be over-emphasized. WPA officials are becoming more and more convinced that the training will result in better workmanship, and in consequence better opportunities for project workers returning into private industry. The Bulletin has noted that training has been successful in the WPA in many other States throughout the country; it also is informed that Mr. Hopkins and his staff in Washington are laying more and more emphasis on the value of this training.

The Women's and Professional Division have already held a three day preliminary meeting with their field staff to lay plans for their courses. The Division of Education and Recreation has held successful training institutes for employees on the education projects throughout the summer. Plans have already been drawn up and approved for training institutes on the recreation projects during the month of October. The first institute opens on October 4th in West Springfield. Mr. Hall, the Director of Operations, is working with his staff to renew the foremanship training courses which were operated so successfully last spring.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Past experience has taught us that elections for municipal, state, and federal offices bring charges and countercharges of participation in these elections by WPA workers. In order that all WPA workers and the general public will have a clear understanding of Washington and state regulations regarding this matter, the Bulletin is reviewing all policies and regulations issued by the Washington and State WPA Office.

"No part of the foregoing appropriation shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any person who is a candidate for any State, district, county, or municipal office (such office requiring full time of such person and to which office a salary or per diem attaches), in any primary, general, or special election, or who is serving as a campaign manager or assistant thereto for any such candidate."

This is Section 6 of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1937. It changes a former regulation which stated that any person earning above the security wage rate shall not be a candidate for public office to which a salary attaches. This means that no employee, administrative or project, may be a candidate for public office which carries a salary.

The following regulations have been printed before. The Bulletin is restating them in order that there may be no misunderstanding in any person's mind.

1. No WPA employee is required to make any contributions to any political party, nor will his job be in jeopardy because of the failure to make such contribution.
2. No WPA employee shall solicit any contribution for any political party. Evidence of such solicitation shall be cause for immediate discharge.
3. No persons shall be employed or discharged by the WPA on the grounds of his support or non-support of any candidate of any political organization.

The above regulations are found in General Letter No. 8 issued over the signature of Harry L. Hopkins.

"All employees of the Works Progress Administration, including project workers, shall be entitled to exercise their voting franchise in the same manner as other citizens."

This policy is explained in General Letter No. 72 issued September 1, 1936. In some localities, in the hours during which polling places are open and which prevent WPA employees from freely exercising their voting privilege, scheduled hours of work may be adjusted to provide the necessary time for this privilege. Employees shall not be paid for such hours allowed during which to vote, but they shall be permitted, through a re-scheduling of working hours, to work their full quota of hours during the payroll month in which the time off is granted.

This does not mean that in those places where the polls are open in the evening project hours may be re-scheduled to allow time off. Any worker leaving his project to vote when the hours have not been re-scheduled will be considered voluntarily absent, and will not be allowed to make up time.

Adjustment in the hours of work on any project for the purpose of exercising their voting franchise shall only be granted by the State Director of the operating division concerned. This means that in some of the small localities where voting booths are open only at such a time when the project is operating, the re-scheduling of the hours of work may be effected by authority of the State Director having jurisdiction over that particular project.

In case there is any question about the interpretation of any of these regulations, the question should be taken up with the Labor Adjuster in the nearest Field Office.

AROUND THE STATE WITH THE WPA

Your observer always believed that rock salt was something used in hand-turned ice cream freezers or on street car tracks on icy days. Recently he came across another and most unusual use for the product when he investigated reports that rock salt had been used successfully on a WPA constructed tennis court in Malden. The report was correct, so correct in fact that the mixture is to be used on 28 other courts in the city. The salt mixture gives a hard, even surface, eliminates vegetation and prevents erosion. Congratulations to Park Superintendent Daniel Connell who is responsible for the successful experiment.

LOTS OF WATER

If you were asked to locate an additional water supply for your community probably the last place you would look would be a shaded, waterless forest. Engineers, generally a contrary lot, don't care for the obvious and a dry forest on such a quest wouldn't automatically be overlooked. Evidence of all this may be found in Dracut where, since its settlement in 1630, the town has been handicapped during dry summer weather by an inadequate water supply. When Federal funds became available a program to find a new water supply was adopted. No surface water was available. Soundings had to be made for an underground supply. Selecting the forest between Lakeview and Long Lake, drilling brought to light a water table located in a strata of gravel which millions of years ago was a pre-glacial river. This water was subjected to exhaustive tests and found to be so pure it was not necessary to supplement natural filtration. Recently WPA workers completed the project which dug and connected 50 wells to a one-story, brick pumping station in the woods. This station is connected to the town's water mains and a work of nature started ages ago has solved Dracut's water problem in 1937.

TREES GET TRIMMED

Ware's trees are getting a trimming from the WPA. The town has 150 miles of roadways fringed with numerous aged and beautiful shade trees which sometimes drop rotted branches with ugly results. A skilled crew of WPA workers is planning to remedy this condition under a project which will cover all sections of the town.

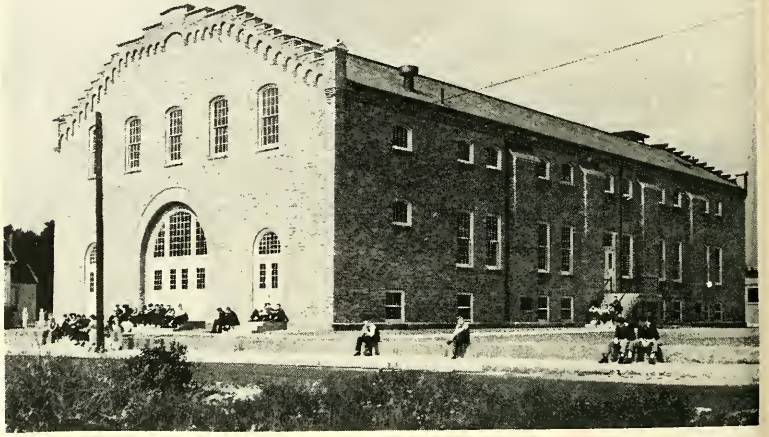
NO TAGS HERE

WPA will help answer Salem's parking problem with the construction of a public parking lot, on Front and New Derby Streets, which will accommodate 100 cars. Mayor Bates, sponsor of the project, estimates that the space will accommodate a total weekly capacity of 21,200 cars allowing each car one and one-half hour parking time. Merchants of the business district look for increased sales on completion of the lot which will be graded, drained, set with curbing, macadamized and marked with white lines.

NEW FARM ROADS

With the hearty cooperation of town officials WPA is constructing 10 miles of farm-to-market roads in Hardwick, several of the roads tapping a prolific source of milk for the big city markets. One farmer who has been an active petitioner for the new roads insisted that his milk was butter after a half dozen jolting miles while all agreed that the roads, especially in the Spring, were very bad. WPA will drain the roadsides and widen the streets to a width of 22 leveled and properly graded feet.

WPA BUILT SCHOOL



The New Bedford Vocation School recently completed by a WPA project is now in session for the fall and winter season.

FIRE STATION

Any old-timer will tell you that up to a quarter of a century ago the Point of Pines section of Revere was noted for its clambakes, prizefights, and, as a rendezvous for politicians and excursionists. Its main building was a hotel at which two former presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft stopped to speak during their campaigns. In recent years this section has developed into a residential section. Skilled WPA workers are completing construction of a modern two story brick building which will house the latest fire fighting apparatus and give the section needed protection. Since work was started a year ago operations stopped for a time when money ran out because of increased prices for labor and materials. Started again it is expected to be finished by the end of the year. "It will be the best, if not the biggest, fire house in Revere and a credit to the WPA," says Fire Chief McCarrick.

THEN AND NOW

In 1934 Waitt's Mount in Malden looked like a quarry-workers' nightmare. It was a huge, bald and jagged granite ledge whose slope was covered with twisted, stunted trees and tangled underbrush; probably the most useless piece of land in this section of the state. Today the Mount is a beautifully terraced park which commands a 15-mile panorama of metropolitan Boston. The park, built by the WPA, has landscaped slopes, shade trees, rustic bridges, rock gardens, bird baths, stone walks, fireplaces, picnic benches, a complete drainage system and a 20 foot roadway which winds from the base to the top of the hill. There, the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey has a station for communication with coastal defenses and other governmental signal stations. When the project first started many observers said it was a foolish gesture; that nothing could ever be done with the waste land. To sum it up—Sponsor's Agent George Blakeslee says: "They said it couldn't be done but we've done it."

SEWER DIGGING

To most people no form of manual labor is more uninteresting than sewer digging. There are the men. There is the pile of dirt spilled into the road making auto passage difficult. There are the grumbles about the delay such work causes even though the person so delayed isn't going any special place in any special hurry.

Over in West Springfield, however, WPA is installing two miles of sanitary sewers which are attracting considerable attention. No complaints have been registered for the job has resulted in a building boom in which the town fathers, real estate dealers, building supply people, store keepers and family groups have a keen, common interest. Since the start of the projects, seven new homes have been built on Amostown Road, two on Warren Street and many more will soon be built on Craiwell Avenue and Falmouth Street. Another reason for the home building drive in this section is the flood-prevention sea-wall atop the dike on Riverdale Street which was built by the War Department with WPA labor.

SOAP-BOX DERBIES

For something new in auto races we recommend the soap-box derbies which are being conducted in many sections of the state. Recently in Fall River the WPA Recreation Project conducted such a derby at North Park attracting 72 youthful drivers and an enthusiastic crowd of 10,000 spectators. The event was run in 18 "heats" and was won by James McMahon of the Lafayette Playground. These racing cars are made out of orange crates, baby carriage wheels and any, and every form of parts. And let us tell you that there never was a car owner prouder of his machine than the "kids" at the derby.

BAND CONCERTS

While in Fitchburg it would pay you to visit one of the WPA band concerts which are still drawing large crowds at Coggshall Park every Wednesday and Sunday evening despite the chill weather. These concerts will close about the 12th of this month so make your visit early.

MILK BOTTLE RACE

Scene at a recent WPA Recreation Division outing at the Metropolitan District Commission Reservation, Houghton's Pond, the Blue Hills.

BELMONT

It is new to us and you will probably be interested in knowing that Belmont was made up from parcels of land originally belonging to Cambridge, Waltham, Arlington and Watertown. This all happened prior to the town's incorporation in 1859. Recently an interesting WPA project has been started to repair old maps and plans, index historical data and coordinate information obtained from records of the towns from which Belmont was incorporated.

KNOWS HIS HENS

A person looking for the advice of a poultry expert would never think such a person would be employed on a WPA project. Yet this is the case in Fitchburg where A. Lawrence Brown, a nationally known poultry expert is working on the Nashua River Project. He writes regularly for several nationally circulated poultry magazines, was a contributor to the Standards Book of the National Poultry Association, has developed a breed known as the "Brown Strain," and is generally considered to know his hens.

NEW SIDEWALKS

Residents of Saugus, which boasts of being the home of the first iron factory in the Massachusetts Bay Colony (1632), will tell you, at the slightest opportunity, of the need for new sidewalks. Frank Murphy, the WPA coordinator says the town has been petitioned by citizens for the laying of 24,400 feet which would give work to more than 50 men on the relief rolls. WPA sidewalk work has started. Selectmen Chairman William Rockhill says: "The Board of Selectmen approve this project because it believes it to be one of the most valuable types, not only to the adjoining property owners but the entire community."

EASTERN STATES

And speaking of sidewalks—at the Eastern States Exposition where WPA had an exhibit—many women praised the WPA program for the new sidewalks laid in their cities and towns. Before the new sidewalks were laid these women said their children tracked dirt from the old gravel walks into the house on their shoes, stockings and clothing. As on occasion we have been bawled out for tracking dirt into the house we knew just how these women felt and were most sympathetic. Husbands of many of these women made mention of the WPA street program one man saying: before the WPA street was constructed in front of his property an auto drive to the corner was an unforgetable experience in humpety-bump.

GUTTER THROATS

You fellows who wonder what to do with old razor blades, supposing you were given a pile of worn-out street curbs to dispose of? You could hardly use them for door stops and the wife would yell to the heavens if you piled them in the back yard. The Worcester WPA was confronted with this problem and, instead of hauling the curbs to a dump, they made the old curbs into street boundry markers and also manufactured gutter throats. Please don't write in asking what a gutter throat is. Your street department knows the answer to that one.

JAILS ARE USEFUL

Are you interested in old jails? If so you might visit Melrose where a WPA project is using the ancient jailhouse (which confined lawbreakers in the early 1800's) for a storage vault where out-of-date municipal records are filed. The project is bringing order out of a chaotic condition. The WPA workers are separating the old city records from the new and storing them in indexed order in the jail cells.

PERSONALS

From here and from there come the following notes of this and of that gathered by interested Bulletin observers:

Michael F. O'Rourke, labor adjuster has been transferred from Fall River to Brockton, succeeding William Larkin who has returned to the Boston office. . . . Congratulations to George F. Seifert, of Leominster, field engineer and project supervisor who has resigned from the WPA to accept private employment with a bridge construction outfit. . . . Jimmy Hennigan, known to all who read the sport pages as a great long distance runner is swinging a paint brush on the Medford WPA fire station improvement project. . . . If the buttons pop off the vest of Frank O'Neil, State WPA Office Manager, he has every reason for the great expansion for Frank recently became the daddy of the best little baby girl in the world. . . . Life begins a long time after 40 for Bill O'Brien, labor adjuster in the Boston area, who was a recent guest of the Lynn Lions Club on his 73rd birthday. . . . Credit to the WPA life-guards at the J. C. B. Smith Memorial Pool, Salem Willows, who made 60 rescues during the season and didn't lose a life although a half million people made use of the pool. . . . Although hundreds of people are employed by the WPA on the Springfield Armory projects, Stewart Robbins in charge of safety reports that there has been no loss of time due to accidents since July. . . . Actual messages radioed from ships at sea are being jotted down by boys being taught radio operating by WPA Instructor Joseph Sullivan in the Park Department building on High Street, Fitchburg. . . . The many friends of John Gallagher, WPA lifeguard of Fitchburg, who was killed in a recent New Hampshire auto accident, wish to take this opportunity to express their heart-felt sympathy to his bereaved family. . . . Leon J. Kowal, administrative assistant of the NYA in Massachusetts has been promoted to the post of NYA Regional Director for New England and New York State.

Arthur Corbett

Arthur Corbett, assistant director of the WPA Employment Division has been made acting director in charge of the Compensation Division to take the place of John H. Morris who resigned to become the Secretary of the State Labor Relations Board.

MISS ELEANOR HAYWARD

Miss Eleanor Hayward New Division Director

Miss Eleanor Hayward has been appointed Director of Women's and Professional Projects by Administrator John J. McDonough.

Her official duties start October 1. She succeeds Mrs. Helen Talboy who recently resigned.

Miss Hayward, who was born in Walpole, N. H., and graduated from the Walpole High School, has been actively interested in Massachusetts affairs since her graduation from Simmons College in 1915.

For two years she was assistant in the Economics Department at Tufts College where she also had graduate work in economic and business subjects. She devoted two years to the Economic Department of the College of Business Administration of Boston University where she was charged with administrative duties.

Since 1919 when Babson Institute, Wellesley, was founded, she became the Institute Registrar. A little later she became Librarian. In 1927 she received her Master's Degree from the School of Business Administration, Boston University.

Miss Hayward was elected President of the Alumnae Association of Simmons College in 1933.

SCHOOL REPAIRS

The city of Lynn recently completed its most extensive program of WPA schoolhouse repair work ever attempted. "The results show," said Mayor Manning, "that the schoolhouses in Lynn are in much better condition than at any time within recent municipal history."

AROUND THE STATE WITH THE WPA

SLAPPING AND SCRATCHING

Residents of East Longmeadow—even as you and I—have long been bothered with mosquitoes which made outdoor resting a heavy exercise succession of slapping and scratching. Most of the mosquitoes came from the swamp lands and tributaries to Pecewsic Brook and the town fathers have obtained approval of a WPA project to drain this land and eliminate the pests. WPA mosquito projects have given relief to many communities and next summer, with the breeding places of the stinging bugs destroyed, peace and quiet is expected to prevail during the long evenings.

TIRED COMMUTERS

Some years ago the trolley company in Auburn gave up its franchise and deeded its right of way to the town. In the Merriam section the line ran through undeveloped property over which busses (which were operated after the trolley cars) could not travel. The trolley rails were removed, the right of way became overrun with brush and the 50 families of Merriam were without public transportation facilities. At a recent town meeting it was voted to seek approval of a WPA project to use the old right of way to make a street over which busses can pass. Besides providing travel facilities for the families affected and increasing property values in the vicinity the new street will save tired commuters hikes of a mile or more and help preserve the nerves of wives keeping dinners warm while slow moving husbands settle the affairs of nations on the long walk home.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

WPA WORKERS RETURNING FROM OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT WILL EXPERIENCE NO DELAY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CHANGES CERTIFICATION RULE

Don't be afraid to accept private employment.

It doesn't matter if the outside job is only temporary.

When the outside job ends there will be no delay and you will have no trouble getting back on the WPA rolls.

This positive assurance is given by Colonel McDonough who has issued instructions to all WPA offices that workers returning from private employment shall be reinstated immediately without having to wait for new certification.

These orders, drafted by the Administrator, have changed the reinstating procedure and will give complete protection to those workers who have obtained temporary private work.

Under the old ruling a person who had been off the WPA rolls for more than 30 days had to obtain new certification from the local certifying agency before he could be re-employed by the WPA.

New certification involves much office work and this takes time. Each day that the worker is waiting results in financial loss to himself and inflicts a hardship on his family.

This condition is no more.

The worker returning to WPA after his private employment job has ended is immediately reassigned. There is no wait, no delay. He is put to work and is drawing pay while his new certification is being routed through the proper channels.

This order is positive.

The Administrator, through The Bulletin, tells all workers:

"If any worker, for any reason, experiences any delay in seeking reinstatement after he has returned from private employment he should take the matter up immediately with the Labor Adjustor at the nearest WPA Field Office.

"The Administrative Staff is insistent that workers returning from private employment shall be reinstated immediately."

This guarantee embraces all workers returning to the WPA who have lost private industry jobs through no fault of their own.

Officials Push WPA Training Program

"In a democracy, leadership can never become static and education may never end. When leadership is degraded and learning lapses, the spirit of democracy decays."

This quotation from the pen of Eduard C. Lindeman, is the keynote of the WPA Recreation Division, Institutes for Training, which has completed three of its sessions as of the 15th.

Institutes have been held in West Springfield, Northampton, and Worcester and for the remainder of the month classes will be held in Framingham, Marblehead and New Bedford.

These institutes can be likened to a Teachers' College. Here the teachers become the pupils and here the experiences of all the leaders are discussed. The great mass of opinion is boiled down to its most important elements. All of the people at the institutes contribute ideas to and accept ideas from their neighbors. Experts in particular fields of public recreation hold classes for the project workers.

Recreation is today recognized as one of the most important factors in the social scheme.

Recreation is a high form of education and the leaders of these groups are exerting every effort to make the WPA program in this state one of lasting value.

More and more emphasis is being placed on this form of training by the Administrative Staff in Washington.

In all sections of the state, educators and civic officials are working to make the WPA Institutes for Training a success.

An Interesting Letter

Colonel McDonough is in receipt of a letter from Miss Mary H. Ward, District Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Boston, which will be of interest to all WPA workers. The letter follows:

"At our recent Open House we had a large sign lettered as indicated on the attached sheet. Our Station looked so spick and span and the work done by the Indexing Project was so helpful that we wanted our visitors that day to know that we appreciated the help and cooperation extended to us by the WPA groups.

"People were most interested and commented favorably on the excellent appearance of the Station, which of course is due mainly to the work done for us by the WPA in Massachusetts."

AROUND THE STATE WITH THE WPA

TRAFFIC MESS

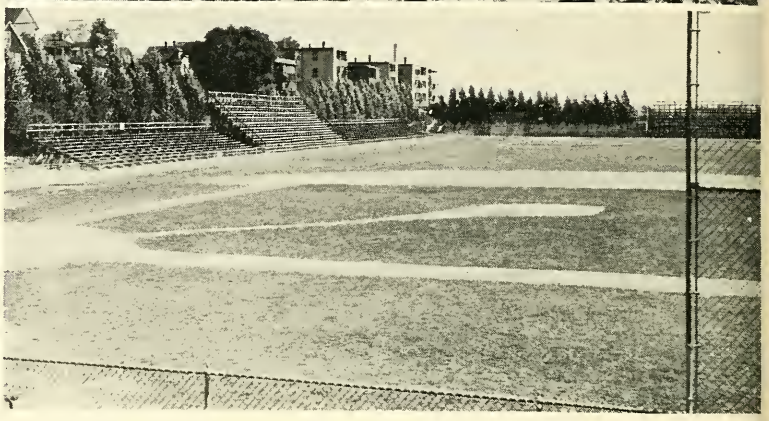
This being the football season, there is probably no prettier sight than a shifty half-back twisting and dodging down a field. That same half-back seated behind the wheel of an automobile would, on busy days, find it a lot more difficult to shift and turn and go forward in Holyoke on Elm Street between Suffolk and Appleton Streets. At this point the street is only 28 feet wide and is lined with auto agencies, repair stations, a parking lot and apartment buildings. Add parking on both sides of the street to this and you have a traffic mess.

Last week a WPA crew of 39 men started work on the project which will soon employ 79 men working on two shifts to widen the street to a passable width. This project is a consolidation of several which will include work on the repaving of Appleton Street and sidewalk construction of Northampton and many other streets. John Martin, WPA Coordinator, and Mayor Yoerg, project sponsor, say that several hundred men will be employed on the combined projects which will make Holyoke a better place for both business men and property owners in the residential sections.

CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!

A hammering good time was had by a class of 40 recreation workers during the West Springfield Recreation Training Institute at its opening session in the Town Hall. Dave Lash, who showed the class how to make copper trays, was the person responsible. It seems that tray making involves a lot of pounding, thumping and other boiler-making sounds and when 40 people are going full blast you can imagine! Three other groups, physical education, dramatics and music, were in session in other parts of the building when the thunder started. It was too much for the physical educators so they moved over to the adjoining High School Building where quiet and peace reigned. Dramatics and Music (who, we are told, can make plenty of noise on their own account), being made of sterner stuff, continued in session despite the racket.

BEFORE WPA AND AFTER WPA



Above: Before WPA work started this swampy, useless tract of land was a Chelsea eyesore.
Below: Beautiful Merritt Park replaces the above.

GOOD WORK

WPA Household Aid members are a quiet, industrious group about which the average person knows very little or nothing. Yet they do a tremendous amount of good work. Throughout the state there are hundreds of needy families who would have had extremely hard going without this help. To cite one instance: in the last two months Aid workers entered 40 different Fitchburg homes and ministered to 170 people who were either ill or in need of a housekeeper. In Fitchburg the Welfare Department sends all of its maternity cases to the local hospitals. As a result, many families are left without a household head. Aid workers take care of the children, keep the houses clean, get the meals and do the thousand and one other things that couldn't be done otherwise. In addition to helping the Welfare Department the Aids give assistance to the Soldiers' Relief Department, the City Physician, the Old Age Bureau and the Visiting Nurses Association.

A CHALLENGE

Fall River has an aggregation of cock-sure bowlers headed by Raymond V. Connors, office engineer, who are certain they can lick any WPA team in the state. The challenge asks Boston to take particular notice and invites WPA'ers to write Connors at the Fall River office. We take the liberty to amend the challenge. Write to The Bulletin and we will make your arrangements.

TOWN HALL TONIGHT

Town business in Salisbury for years has been conducted in homes of officials, rented offices and in the Town Hall which is so small it is impossible to gather all of the municipal offices under its roof. WPA is making a new Town Hall for Salisbury which will be adequate for all municipal needs. The new Hall is being remodeled from a three-story former shoe factory located on Beach Street.

QUINCY

Quincy officials are recreation conscious and should be congratulated for the sponsoring of a blanket project which will improve 15 playgrounds and parks in all sections of the city.

Year after year Quincy turns out some of the finest athletes in the state and improved athletic facilities will be a joy to the players and spectators alike.

Recently the Birch Street Playground, which was transformed by WPA from a gravel pit into an attractive athletic site, was dedicated by Mayor Burgin who turned over the "Keys of the Field" to the School Committee. North Quincy High School helped in the dedication by defeating Milton's High School in a football contest, 21 to 7. This playground is to be used exclusively for track and football. The nearby O'Neil Playground, which was remodeled and rebuilt by the WPA, will be used for baseball. O'Neil's is a six-acre tract bounded on the east by the sea and the north and west by the Neponset River. Tidewater gates and a drainage system collapsed before the start of the WPA project and most of the time the place was under water.

All who have motored to the South Shore or Cape this summer have noted the WPA work on the Pfaffman Oval in Merrymount Park. Here a perfect football field and running track are being inclosed with a high brick wall. Reinforced concrete bleachers, dressing and storage rooms are being built. Below the field the city is gradually filling up a salt water marsh and will in a few years have reclaimed the entire area up to the curving South Shore Road.

WARM WEATHER

If you were told that last summer firemen in Chelsea for the first time were not obliged to open hydrants as showers for children, could you guess at the reason? Chelsea and WPA officials would not be guessing when they'd tell you that the six, shower-or-pool equipped, playgrounds, built by the WPA, was the reason. A daily average of 15,000 kids attended these WPA supervised playspots and not a single serious accident was recorded during the season.

FIRST PLAYGROUND

What was once a rough field in West Warren, on the road to Ware, is now a seven-acre recreational site built by the WPA. This is the first athletic field in town history. According to sponsors and engineers, construction of the field, now called Dean Park, was replete with trouble and they point to the fact that 60 percent of the excavation was done by dynamite blasts. Youngsters of the town (who are not a bit interested in engineering difficulties) are proud of the new baseball and football fields which have replaced wild scrub land, boulders, rock ledges and a swampy stream.

A LETTER

Jim Meehan, Director of Operations in the Worcester area, is in receipt of a letter from Walter B. Dennen, Director of the Worcester Trade School, which is self explanatory. The letter follows:

"Now that our WPA painting project has been concluded, I do wish to extend to your organization our sincere thanks for the services rendered.

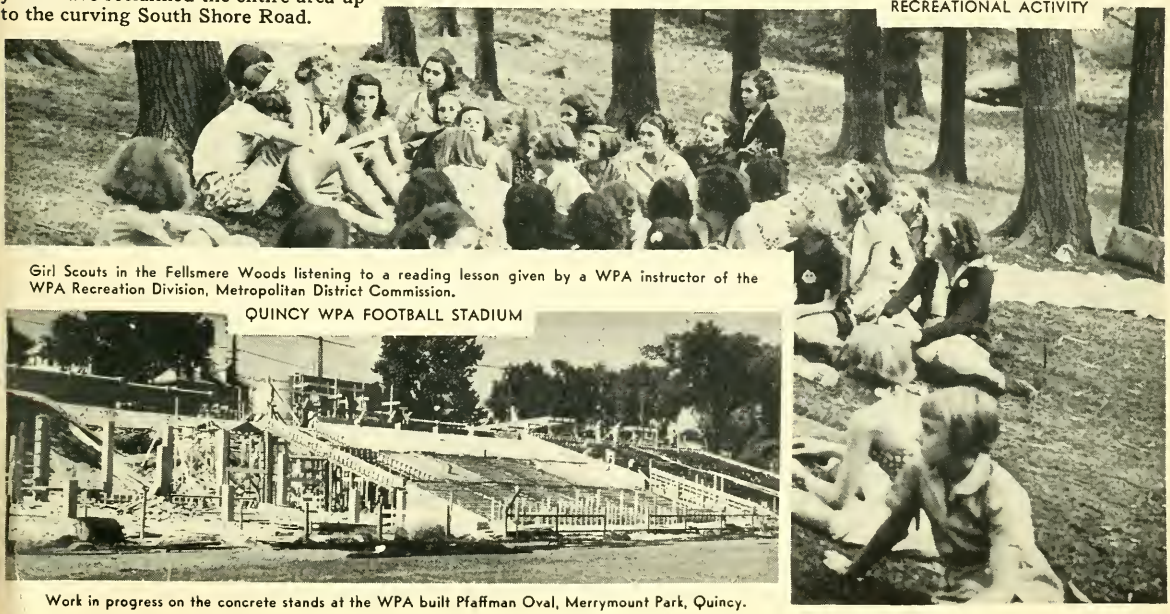
"We found your men very efficient and it is our firm opinion that the quality of workmanship was excellent.

"We believe that much of this was due to the close and expert supervision supplied by the foreman, Mr. Downey."

MEDFORD WPA MUNICIPAL GARAGE

The WPA built Medford Municipal Garage, said by experts to be one of the finest city garages in the country.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY



Girl Scouts in the Fellsmere Woods listening to a reading lesson given by a WPA instructor of the WPA Recreation Division, Metropolitan District Commission.

QUINCY WPA FOOTBALL STADIUM

Work in progress on the concrete stands at the WPA built Pfaffman Oval, Merrymount Park, Quincy.

WPA State Employment Division Group

Seated left to right: Miss Ruth G. Lindall, State Director Lawrence J. Bresnahan, Arthur B. Corbett, Charles D. White, Cyril O. Littlefield, William D. Spencer, William G. Hogarty. Standing left to right: Joseph T. Shea, Charles J. Curtaz, Edward Whitty, Cyril J. Moore, John J. Sweeney Herrick G. O'Gara, William E. Murphy, David W. Burgess.

HERE'S A HIGH ONE

Your correspondent being one of those people who get dizzy when atop a three-foot stepladder is green with envy as he writes this:

Up in Gloucester four WPA painters are specks in the sky as they swing in tiny bossun's chairs from the top of the 250-foot Babson Reservoir water tank which they are painting. Such a height should make a sea gull unbalanced but these men don't mind it a bit. "Safer than walking on the street" says Harrison Boutwell, one of the WPA'ers, an ex-navy man who was given a medal last summer for saving a child from death after it had fallen into Gloucester harbor and was held by the muddy bottom.

BILLIONS OF GALLONS

Residents of Lynn consume 2,854,464,350 gallons of city water a year and from the same reservoir system the town of Saugus uses 333,542,250 gallons during the same period. Last week a WPA project started which will improve the purity of the water supply by clearing and grubbing 40 acres along the northerly shore of Walden Pond and cleaning out a half dozen tributary brooks which feed into the pond. When the land is cleared 25,000 three-year-old white pine seedlings will be planted. Most of these trees will be taken from the 2,200-acre Lynn Woods Reservation and will be hauled to the pond along foot trails built during the summer by a WPA fire lane project crew.

HUDSON DEDICATION

The town of Hudson recently dedicated its new WPA Athletic Field during ceremonies featured by a night football game between the Hudson and Methuen High School teams. Hudson, rated the underdog, showed its appreciation of the new athletic plant by trouncing its opponent 14 to 0 and the gathering of several thousand spectators who filled the WPA-built stands were most enthusiastic. Carl Rogers, Executive Assistant to Administrator McDonough, and Harry V. Madden, Chairman of the Hudson Board of Selectmen, were speakers during the exercises. Flagpoles at the eastern and western ends of the field were dedicated to two former Hudson athletes, Leo McGrath and Louis Cesario.

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Gus Duam, WPA recreation instructor in Lynn, who coached the East Lynn American Legion Post Junior Baseball Team which won the National Championship in New Orleans, with the team of 15 players was a guest of Judge Kenshaw M. Landis, Baseball Commissioner during the World Series games in New York City. . . . Mrs. Mary McGhee, former labor adjuster in District 1, now has charge of the mailing division in the Salem office taking the place of Thomas Leary, who resigned. . . . James Coleman, of the Fitchburg Recreation Project and a well known basketball official has passed a civil service test making him eligible for the post of City Recreation Director. . . . John Bryson, WPA Recreation worker at the Vernon Hill Park, Worcester, was a boxing instructor when a youth. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Jamback, of Fitchburg, the latter a WPA worker, have submitted many entries in the Worcester Telegram amateur photo contest. A picture taken by Mr. Jamback won first prize in its class and will now be judged for national honors. . . . Ralph Young of Leominster, formerly of the District 5 staff in Worcester, is now a project supervisor on the Leominster Filtration plant job. . . . Harry W. Shaughnessey of Clinton, a WPA field engineer takes an active interest in the American Legion program for boys in Worcester County. . . . Ralph Adams, for two years a supervisor on the Springfield WPA Recreation Project has accepted a position as supervisor of recreational activities at a church in Danbury, Connecticut. . . . Timothy Kenneally of Worcester, WPA sidewalk and pipe-line supervisor, has spent many years of his life touring the country with big construction outfits and was one of the chief foremen in charge of the Chrysler Building construction in New York City. . . . Charlie Newton, chief paymaster at state headquarters, has been drafted for jury service, hearing civil cases at the Pemberton Square Courthouse.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

WPA in Boston is providing the Boston Soldiers' Relief Department aid in summarizing case histories of more than 30,000 World War Veterans.

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WPA IS NOW CONDUCTING UNEMPLOYMENT TREND SURVEY

During the week of November first to sixth the WPA will make a survey on the trends of employment.

The survey is to be made by representatives of the Administrative force of the WPA through contact with local responsible officials in the towns and cities.

The purpose of the WPA survey is to supply immediate information as to local employment trends to Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, in order that the Washington administration may plan more efficiently for the operation of the WPA.

INFORMATION

The Works Progress Administration already has complete and accurate information concerning the number of persons already on its rolls, and upon the rolls of those organizations supplying direct relief, together with the numbers seeking employment through the various governmental employment agencies. There are, however, a large number of unemployed in practically every community whose status is such that they are not officially recorded anywhere. These persons, who through private means or otherwise, are not eligible for public relief are nevertheless unemployed, and must be considered in the problem of meeting the unemployment situation. Seasonal or contra-seasonal employment trends are lacking and it is hoped that the present survey may throw much light upon such conditions.

For the purposes of the survey the state will be divided into twelve areas, and the work done under the supervision of the field offices in those areas. While under the national unemployment census information will be gathered by direct contact with the workers, the WPA survey is to be conducted through official and unofficial sources having interests in the industrial, agricultural and economic problems in the various communities, and relates to employment trends only.

WPA representatives in every city and town in the state will call during the week of November first to sixth upon mayors, selectmen, public and private welfare agencies, editors, union officials, chambers of commerce officials, manufacturing associations and industrialists.

The field representatives of the Survey will seek the information outlined in the following questionnaire:

TRENDS OF EMPLOYMENT

1. Date .....
2. City or Town .....
3. Population .....
4. Industrial .....Agricultural .....Residential .....
5. Estimated number of employable persons over 18 years of age unemployed TOTAL.....If possible give MALE..... FEMALE.....

   (This figure to include those persons employed on WPA and PWA. Those employables receiving direct relief and employable members of their families.)
6. Does this number represent an ☐ increase or a ☐ decrease over the same period in 1936? How much increase.....

   How much decrease.....
7. If unemployment has increased state reasons: BE SPECIFIC

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8. CHECK SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

   Mayor .....

   Public Welfare Agency .....

   Private Welfare Agencies .....

   Unions .....

   Factory Owner .....

   Any other Official or Agency .....

   Chairman Board of Selectmen .....

   Board of Trade .....

   Chamber of Commerce .....

   Taxpayers' Association .....

   Newspaper Editors .....

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9. NAME OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

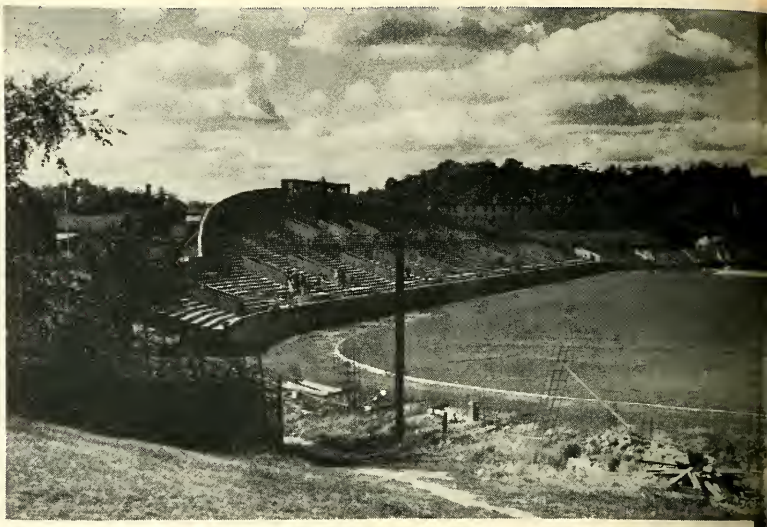
AROUND THE STATE WITH THE WPA

Bemis Athletic Field

On a misty, dismal day last April, a WPA crew started work on the wild and undeveloped 70-acre Bemis tract of land in the rear of the Chicopee High School, which is being converted into the city's first public recreational field. Today the physical change of a large part of the land is decidedly noticeable. Here workmen have graded, leveled and filled this area into a huge flat field which will contain a football and baseball field, a running track, eight tennis courts, three basketball courts, a field house and service building, a grandstand and a parking space for several hundred cars. The field will be seeded and rimmed with attractive shade trees, making the plot one of the finest athletic plants in the western part of the state. In addition to a main drive about the fields a total of 81,000 square feet of walks will be laid. A 12-acre pond is included on the land. WPA workmen have completed construction of a dike to hold in this water and in the winter the spot can be used for winter sport purposes. Chicopee officials are watching the WPA work with interest and high school authorities are awaiting completion of the project which will give the school teams easily accessible practice and playing fields and the residents of the city an athletic plant which has been needed for years.

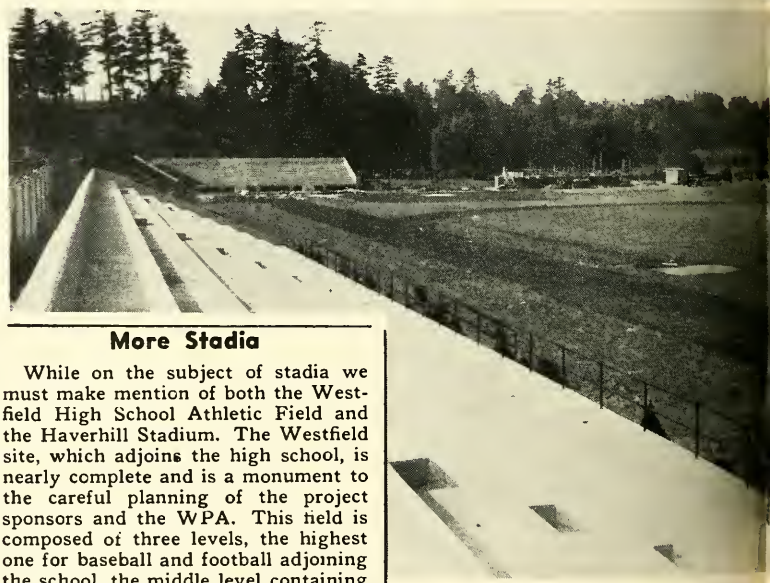
Lynn Stadium Football

At 10 o'clock Thanksgiving Day morning football teams of the Lynn Classical and Lynn English High Schools will be the first to use the huge Lynn WPA Municipal Stadium now under construction. The stadium will not be finished at that time, so the game must be considered as a pre-dication event. We recommend the contest to all who can possibly attend. In addition to seeing how far work has progressed on this splendid recreational site you will have more than your share of thrills watching these traditional rivals give fight for their respective schools. The stands on one side are finished, as are low stands at one end of the field. Several sections of the unfinished section of the other side of the field will be ready for spectators and with portable bleachers which will be set at the open end of the field about 15,000 spectators will be accommodated. When completed the Stadium will be, according to officials, the finest city stadium in the East.



LYNN WPA MUNICIPAL STADIUM

The Lynn WPA Municipal Stadium, now about 70 percent completed, is said by experts to be one of the finest city stadiums in the entire country.

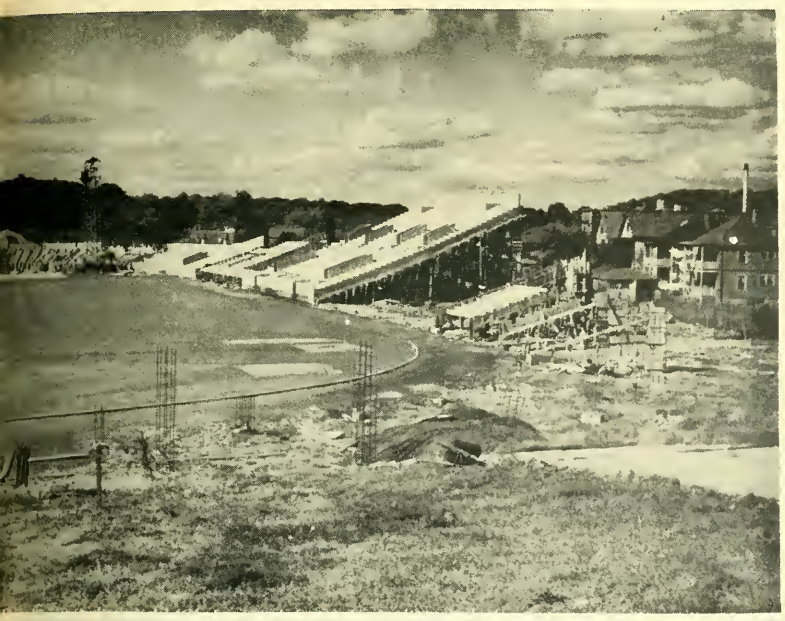


More Stadia

While on the subject of stadia we must make mention of both the Westfield High School Athletic Field and the Haverhill Stadium. The Westfield site, which adjoins the high school, is nearly complete and is a monument to the careful planning of the project sponsors and the WPA. This field is composed of three levels, the highest one for baseball and football adjoining the school, the middle level containing a soccer field and children's playground and the lower section containing eight tennis courts. In order to insure a well-sodded surface the field will not be used extensively this year. The running tracks are being used steadily and the soccer field has had a little use. The Haverhill Stadium, which was dedicated October 3, is the pride of the city. Every seat in the reinforced concrete stands built by the WPA is a good seat from which to watch football games on the well laid out field, which runs parallel to the stands.

A Way to Weigh

Pittsfield's employees in the Sealers of Weights and Measures office will be thankful to WPA on completion of a concrete and steel building to house weighing equipment and instruments at the City Yards, Housatonic Street. Previously testing of equipment had been done outside, no matter the weather, and the process was often uncomfortable and unsatisfactory. Thirteen men are finishing up the job which is expected to be ready by November 1.



WESTFIELD WPA STADIUM

WPA work is nearing completion on the Westfield High School Athletic Field.

Electric Bill Saving

A saving from one-half to one-third on electric bills is a saving in anybody's household. The City of Worcester expects to save this amount at the Home Farm, where a new electric generator is being built by WPA. This is but one of many improvements made by WPA at the farm, where poultry houses have been built, new barn additions made, a new kitchen and mess hall facilities installed and a dam constructed to give a greater water supply.

State Law

Though it is not generally known, there is a state law which requires that valuations be set on properties even though said property be schools, hospitals and the like and are therefore tax-exempt. Such appraisals prove valuable in the event that tax-exempt properties are sold and as a result become taxable. In Newtonville a WPA project located in the old Claflin School is making appraisal and plotting on plans the 165 institutional tax-exempt properties throughout Newton.

Come on, Bowlers!

Ray Connors, Fall River Office Engineer, started something when he challenged "any WPA bowling team in the state" in the last issue of the Bulletin. Three answers to this bid have been noted by the Bulletin and many places have yet to be heard from.

Harry Aronson, of the Boston Public Library Bowling Team, has gathered a team of experts which he claims will mow the Fall Rivers down. Harry adds that his team has a large following of female co-workers, though what this has to do with the art of bowling we cannot understand. He also inclosed a poem about his team signed by "Mac." After reading the poetry all we can say is that we hope the bowling is a lot better.

Ernest A. Deeb, a WPA worker of 603 Tremont Street, Boston, wants to organize a team to get after the Fall Rivers. If any of you Boston folk feel the same way get in touch with Ernest and start a team going.

William A. Rolfe, of the City Planning Board Project, has a team that can give a good account of itself and he invites Mr. Connors to get in touch with the Bulletin or to himself at 837 Summer Street, South Boston. So go to it, youse guys, and let the pins fall where they may. When the matches are arranged drop a line to the Bulletin and maybe we can arrange to have a cameraman record some of the first meetings. At any event we'll let the other folks know how good the teams are going. There is no telling where a thing like this may stop, so keep the pepper up and a state bowling league might be the outcome.

Learn to Speak

Five native born Americans, members cf two families, are taking a beginners' English Course in the WPA Adult Education Classes, Fall River. These Americans befcre enrolling in the class could neither read, write nor speak the English language. You are asking: Didn't they attend school as required by law? How could such a position possibly exist in this country?

The last question is the key to the answer. It didn't all happen in this country. When these Americans were two years old they were taken by their respective parents to the Azores, where they lived for the last 20 years, returning to this country recently. According to Miss Patricia Galvin, Class Supervisor, these pupils are not illiterate, as they attended school in the Azores. What is more, they are good students and learning their native tongue rapidly.

PERSONALS

From here and from there come the following notes of this and of that gathered by interested Bulletin observers:

Harry Carroll, assistant director of operations in Boston, has been appointed to the Boston Traffic Commission staff. He will represent the Traffic Commission during construction of the Huntington Avenue WPA Subway Project. . . . Daniel Hauser, in charge of material requisition in the Boston area headquarters, has returned to private industry as an architect for the contractors erecting the PWA addition to the Boston courthouse. . . . James Connolly, Cambridge field engineer, and Don Walker, assistant supervisor of operations at the Boston area headquarters, have both obtained positions with Stone and Webster Co. . . . Joseph Williams, Cambridge field engineer, has received an appointment to the State Traffic Division. . . . Robert Donahoe, field engineer, who lives in Milton and works out of the field office at Brockton, always considers Quincy as "our city." Small wonder — Bob has been field engineering in Quincy since the days of ERA. . . . Daniel J. Clancy has been succeeded by Frank J. Tevlin as WPA co-ordinator for Brockton. Mr. Clancy has been appointed Brockton City Forester by Mayor Crowley. . . . Ol' Dan Cupid certainly has the range on the girls at the Boston Library Cataloguing Project. In the last two months about 20 girls have left the project to become brides. We'll give you their names in a later Bulletin. . . . Private industry has called two supervisors of the Library Project during the last few weeks. Gerald J. Ganser has accepted a position as an industrial engineer in Indianapolis and Paul Keough has gone to work for an oil company in Boston. . . . Bernard Hart, of Fitchburg, bridge construction supervisor, has accepted a position with a Fitchburg engineering company. . . . John Hissing of Fitchburg, storekeeper on the Nashua River Project, is a correspondent for several Swedish publications throughout the country. . . . Miss Beatrice Mack, clerk in the Employment Division, has resigned to accept a position in Mexico, where her brother is a mining engineer. . . . John F. Doody, WPA co-ordinator at Peabody, has established offices in the Warren Schoolhouse, where rooms have been donated by the Mayor. . . . Theodore F. Cowan, member of the Springfield Division of Operations, is the proud daddy of a baby boy. . . . John E. O'Connor, of Fitchburg, a WPA compensation division worker, has been appointed to the position of Truant and Attendance Officer for the Fitchburg School Department. . . . Capt. John L. Pickett, 71 Fayette Street, Lynn, who has been in charge of repairs on National Guard Armories in Essex County, has been assigned to the U. S. Army Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood, Md. He will attend classes until November 10. . . . Edward D. Nutting succeeds Michael J. Carey, resigned, as Newburyport WPA co-ordinator. . . . Leonard F. Burdett, Swampscott recreational worker, has resigned to accept a position with a food products concern in Washington, D. C. . . . Bernard Spitler, member of the Boston Vital Statistics Project, has obtained a position as salesman for a New England confectionery concern. . . . The many friends of A. Lawrence Brown, 40, worker on the Nashua River Project in Fitchburg, will be sorry to hear that he died suddenly October 24 of a heart attack. Mr. Brown was a nationally known poultry expert and in the October 1 Bulletin we ran an article about his work. . . . . .

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Boston, Mass.

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650	Telephone Room
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Personals

Missing Manholes

Looking for a needle in a haystack is no harder than looking for a manhole which has been covered by various street resurfacing jobs. Worcester officials will tell you this and be the first to commend a WPA project which has been in operation for several months now and has located 3500 manholes which had been covered over during years of street activity in the city. The missing manholes, when found, are located on street maps and in the event of an emergency can now be immediately located. Some of the manholes were buried under two and three feet of earth, macadam and concrete. There are still several thousands to be located and when this is accomplished the engineering department of the city will for the first time have accurate knowledge of every such hole in the city. We haven't the slightest idea how the WPA'ers go about finding a manhole covered under a street. Next time you come across an engineer maybe it will be a good idea to ask him.

Salem History

In 1636, Enon, a part of Salem, was settled. In 1643 the name was changed to Wenham and Wenham became a separate town. Through all the wars from that date the town supplied its full quotas of soldiers and these men were trained on a field situated beside Wenham Lake. After the Civil War the field became the property of the Pingree family and a few years ago Mrs. Harriet Pingree presented the field to the town as a park and a playground. Recently the WPA completed a 500-foot wall and two pier entrances to the land, which, according to Samuel S. Conary, Selectmen Chairman, offers possibilities for further development along the lines visioned by the donor.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROJECT NEWS FOR WPA WORKERS

WPA WORKERS WILL RECEIVE UNEMPLOYMENT CENSUS CARDS

Every worker is advised to fill out this card promptly and accurately

On November 16 or 17 the postman will leave an unemployment census card at your home.

This card will contain the following message from the President of the United States:

"If you are unemployed, or partially unemployed, and are able to work and are seeking work, please fill out this report card right away and mail it before midnight, Saturday, November 20, 1937. No postage stamp is needed.

"The Congress directed me to take this census. It is important to the unemployed and to everyone in this land that the census be complete, honest and accurate. If you give me the facts I shall try to use them for the benefit of all who need and want work and do not now have it."

These unemployment report cards which will be used in taking this census provide for the inclusion of workers employed on the WPA, the NYA, the CCC and other emergency work. The Works Progress Administration has been asked to cooperate in obtaining a check of the National Unemployment Census. Arrangements for this cooperation have been made as follows:

A notice will be posted on all WPA and NYA projects (except Student Aid projects) informing workers that they are expected to fill out and return the unemployment report card to the post office.

A special check card has been prepared for each worker assigned to WPA projects as of November 10, 1937, and these check cards will be sent to the local post office in order to determine the extent to which WPA workers fill out and return unemployment cards.

The notice posted at projects reads:

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT CENSUS

To every worker on WPA, NYA and emergency projects of other Federal agencies:

The Congress has directed the President to take a census of unemployed workers, partly unemployed workers, and workers on emergency projects of the Federal government. This includes YOU.

A card to be filled in will be delivered to your home address on November 16, 1937. Please answer the questions on the card and mail it promptly to your local postmaster. Your card must be in the mail before midnight Saturday, November 20, 1937. No postage stamp is needed. The card is not an application for a job. It will be counted with a great many others, and the confidential nature of your answers will be respected.

Other persons living in your home who are totally unemployed, able to work, and want work, or who are partly unemployed and want more work, and are able to do more work, should also send in cards.

If you want more cards, or help in answering questions, go to any post office.

I ask your cooperation in making this census complete, honest and accurate, so that it may be of real help in solving the problem of unemployment.

HARRY L. HOPKINS,
Administrator.

Copies of this notice will be inserted in each pay envelope by the Treasury Disbursing offices of the state for the pay period immediately preceding the census.

With these notices posted on all projects, and every worker receiving such a notice with his pay check, no worker on WPA should be uninformed as to the census.

In order to permit the post office to check the adequacy of the unemployment census reports from WPA project workers the Works Progress Administration has prepared a check card for every worker assigned to projects, which will be filled out by timekeepers on the jobs. These cards will contain the name, address and sex of each worker. The age of the worker (as of last birthday) and the address will be verified by the timekeeper through personal inquiry.

When these cards have been prepared and verified arrangements have been made through timekeepers to deliver them to the post office nearest to the project, together with a transmittal card showing the number of the project and the number of check cards prepared. A duplicate of this transmittal card will be sent to the WPA office to which the weekly employment report is submitted, where a check will be made to insure that the number of cards sent to the post office is equal to the number of persons included in the weekly employment count.

These cards will be in the hands of the post office by midnight, November 15, 1937.

AROUND THE STATE WITH THE WPA

MORE BOWLING

In the last two issues of the Bulletin we printed challenges from, and answers to challenges from, Ray Connors, Fall River office engineer, who claims he has the best bowling team in the state. Maybe he has at that, for last week his gang took on a picked group from the state headquarters Finance Division and gave them a sound beating. The Fall Rivers have yet to play the Boston WPA Public Library Team, Ernest Deeb's team or the City Planning Board Project. These matches will be held soon. We're going to photograph at least one of these matches and publish the score of the contest, so you boys had better be good.

A LETTER

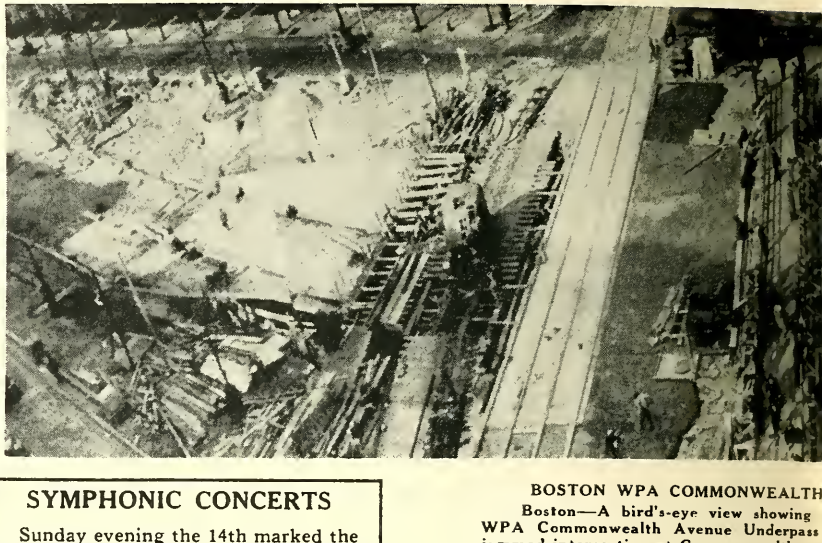
Denis W. Delaney, supervisor of operations in the Cambridge area, is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Agnes W. Carragher, of 147 Wentworth Avenue, Lowell. The letter is typical of many such appreciative letters which reach WPA officials every week. It follows:

"I wish to express my satisfaction with the sidewalk which was laid in front of my property. The work was done efficiently and quickly with no inconvenience to me. The men worked steadily in a manner to be commended to your attention."

NANTUCKET SLEIGH RIDE

The decline of the New Bedford whaling industry has practically eliminated your chances of ever taking a "Nantucket Sleigh Ride." This information is contained in the data compiled by the Writers Project for the Old Dartmouth Historical Society and Museum of New Bedford which is soon to publish a volume entitled "Whaling Masters." A "Nantucket Sleigh Ride" is: The towing of a whale boat after a whale has been harpooned; manila rope from the harpoon being attached to the boat.

Terse and unemotional though the definition may be, they do say those "rides" were something to write home about. They might be compared to present-day aqua-planing with a frenzied monster thrown in for good measure. Personally we prefer the Western Massachusetts sleigh-ride with Old Dobbin, plenty of straw and blankets with a pretty girl thrown in for good measure.



BOSTON WPA COMMONWEALTH

Boston—A bird's-eye view showing WPA Commonwealth Avenue Underpass jammed intersection at Commonwealth an months ahead of schedule and is expected year. The project is giving employmen workers. It will cost more than a half mil contributing $326,716 and the City of Bost

SYMPHONIC CONCERTS

Sunday evening the 14th marked the close of the Tschaikowsky Six Symphonies series, conducted by Alexander Thiede and the State Symphony Orchestra of the Federal Music Project in Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge. Starting Sunday the 21st a series of National Music Programs will be given in Sanders Theatre by the Orchestra. This music will be dedicated to the various countries of the world and the first concert will be of Italian selections.

Make it a point to attend one of these concerts and you will be more than repaid for your effort. For genuine enthusiasm the gatherings at these programs are unsurpassed. The conclusion of many numbers finds even the most phlegmatic persons standing to stamp, clap and shout their approval for the renditions.

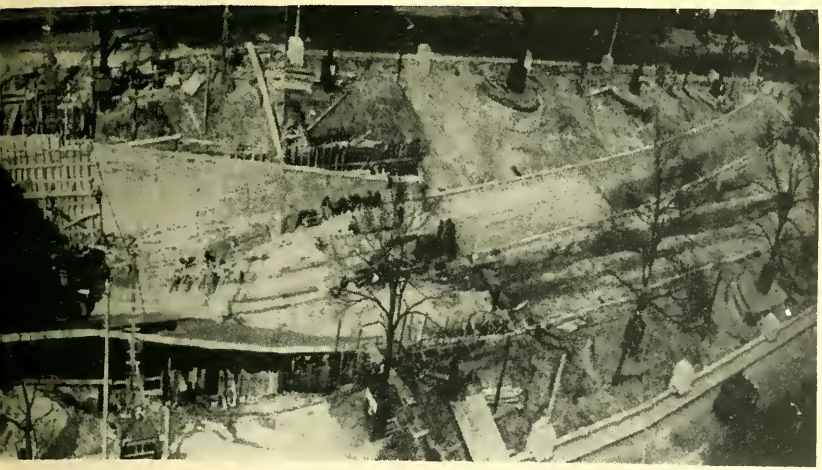
The concerts are exceptionally well done and are well within the means of all people. Prices are from 25 to 40 cents and are receiving an increasingly large attendance of people from every walk of life.

WORCESTER COUNTY BRIDGES

After the disastrous flood of 1936 a total of 81 bridges in Worcester county were either completely destroyed or so badly damaged that traffic was stopped. To date the WPA has rebuilt 70 of these bridges and are working on the remaining 11 which are located in Millbury, Fitchburg, Upton, Royalston, Rutland, Holden, Barre and Ashburnham. The State Department of Public Works, bridge sponsor, and the cities and towns wherein the structures are located are loud in their praise of the WPA work

SPRINGFIELD WPA COU

Seated from left to right: Miss Anna Ly and Miss Norine Kennedy, are shown at wo House Project, Broadway, Springfield.



AVENUE UNDERPASS PROJECT
ıe extent of construction on the Boston Project which will eliminate the traffic- Massachusetts Avenues. Work is several o be completed soon after the first of the to more than 400 skilled and unskilled oo dollars and of this amount the WPA is n, $196,702.

RT RECORDS PROJECT
ıch, Miss Eileen Burns, Miss Frances Kane k on the Springfield WPA District Court

KIDS WILL BENEFIT

One of the finest projects operating in the city of Brockton is a WPA Toy Repair outfit which employs 10 disabled war veterans, who have repaired more than 7,000 toys for the needy of that city. These gifts will be distributed by the Brockton American Legion during a Christmas party. Hundreds of toys will be given away at the party and the remainder will be sent to underprivileged children in institutions and private homes.

NEW AUDITORIUM

Amesbury now has a secondary municipal auditorium, auxiliary town hall and community center with the completion of a WPA project which remodeled the old fire headquarters building for that purpose. The building on School Street was erected in 1829, served as the first schoolhouse in the settlement and was later made into a fire station, serving that purpose until the new fire headquarters building was dedicated in 1927.

COMMONWEALTH UNDERPASS

Don't miss the huge WPA construction job on the Commonwealth Avenue underpass, Boston, if you get a chance to come to Boston within the next month. Work on the structure is several months ahead of schedule and is a tribute to the efficiency of the WPA officials and workmen on the job.

You don't have to be an engineer to get a kick out of looking over such a job. There is almost every type of construction work for your eyes to feast on.

HAVERHILL HEROINE

WPA workmen have completed repairs to the Hannah Dustin School, Haverhill, and rather than dismiss the report with a factual statement of work completed we are sure you will be interested in a little of the history of the school building. It was named in honor of Mrs. Hannah Dustin, who in escaping from the Indians in March, 1697, became one of the legendary heroines of the 17th century.

Haverhill was settled by the white men in 1640. Through the years these people were frequently attacked by Indians, the worst onslaught being in the spring of 1697, when 20 war-painted Indians descended on the settlement houses located in the western portion of the town. One of the first homes reached was the Dustin household. In the house at the time were Mrs. Dustin, her baby of seven weeks, seven other children and a nurse. Mr. Dustin gathered his family together and in the rush to reach the garrison Mrs. Dustin, her baby and the nurse were overtaken and captured by the warriors. On the march to the reservation the baby was killed. While captives Mrs. Dustin and the nurse waited for the Indians to fall asleep and, arming themselves with tomahawks, they killed ten of their captors and escaped by canoe down the river to Haverhill. After rejoining her husband Mrs. Dustin helped in the clearing of land and the building of a house on the site where the Dustin school was erected in 1901. The school is occupied by 188 elementary grade pupils and is a monument to the heroic woman who engineered the successful escape.

NATIONAL WPA FACTS

DO YOU KNOW—

That . . . throughout the country WPA workers have built, repaired, renovated, extended or modernized enough farm-to-market roads to reach five times around the earth . . . 21,000 bridges . . . 8,300 schools . . . 5,000 other public buildings . . . 1,000 hospitals or institutions . . . 252 airports . . . 4,500 miles of sewers . . . 1,200 disposal plants . . . 2,300 miles of water mains . . . 1,500 parks . . . 3,000 athletic fields . . . 395 swimming pools . . . 4,000 tennis courts and other, many other, facilities . . . they have planted 4,700,000 trees . . . drained 528,000 acres of malaria-breeding swamps . . . stocked 23,000,000 fish and 28,000 game animals and fowl . . . built or renovated 2,300 miles of stream beds, 375 miles of levees and 650 miles of river banks.

Above: The site of Malone Park, Chelsea, showing WPA workmen leveling off a unsightly hill.
Below: As the same site looks today on completion of the WPA project.

WRITERS EXHIBIT

If you attended the Boston Book Fair, in the Herald-Traveler Building, during the week of Nov. 8 to 13 you were probably pleased with the exhibit of the Federal Writers Project. All of the larger publications of the Project were on display, in addition to dozens of pamphlets, brochures and local histories and guides which enabled visitors to obtain an accurate estimate of the work accomplished so far throughout the country by the Writers Division. Heading the speakers' list Tuesday evening was Henry G. Alsberg, National Director of the Federal Writers Project.

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John L. Burt, WPA timekeeper on the Greenfield Swimming Pool Project, gained 10 pounds last summer from accepting numerous invitations to have a "bite" from various picnicking groups. Like most of us John is finding that 10 pounds an extra burden he can't get rid of, even though the extra lunches have long since stopped. . . . William H. Cleary, former worker in the Worcester office, now operates a dairy at 277 Fairmont Avenue. In addition to providing milk for some 200 families he purveys chocolate milk to WPA office employes at 1 Assonet Street. . . . Daniel Dunphy, supervisor of the Federal Writers Project, has been appointed to a position with the state office of the Social Security Division. . . . George Callahan, regional field engineer, recently spent two days inspecting Worcester County bridge projects. . . . Joseph A. "Doc" Genereaux, of Southbridge, Worcester County field engineer, was recently elected as a county officer of the American Legion's "40 'n 8" organization . . . to show their appreciation for his efforts while acting as their supervisor. . . . WPA workers engaged on the Laurel Street, Fitchburg, sewer job, now completed, had Thomas J. Hopkins, city foreman, as their guest at a "field dinner" held in the city woodlot one Saturday afternoon a few weeks ago. Joe Dempsey, timekeeper, was master of ceremonies. . . . Dick Iredell, of the state office project department, recently predicted the correct outcome of every game listed in a newspaper contest that had for a prize $100. BUT—and that's a big BUT—Dick forgot to mail in his selection and so the prize had wings. . . . Howard E. Carter, formerly a field engineer in District 1, has been named supervisor of the Hawthorne Brook Sewer Project in Swampscott. . . . All credit to Charles Hapgood, WPA Recreation Supervisor of Provincetown, and Miss Vivian Silva and Miss Mary Cordeiro, recreation workers of the same town. This hard-working trio recently left their homes at 3:30 o'clock in the morning, walked three miles to a friend's house, where they borrowed an automobile to take them to the WPA Recreation Training Institute at New Bedford. It's spirit like this that makes a Recreation Project. . . .

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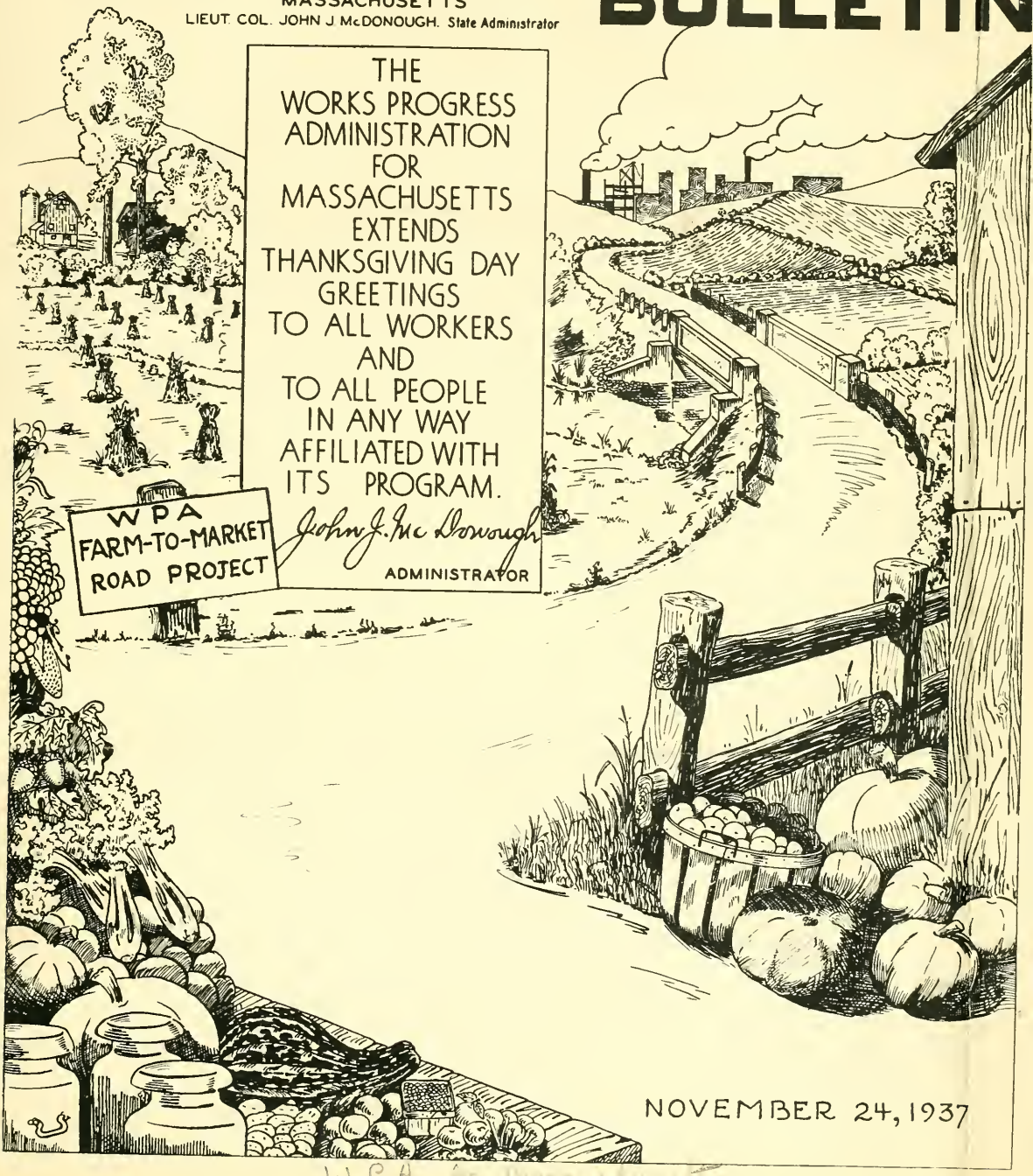
LIEUT. COL. JOHN J. McDONOUGH. State Administrator



NOVEMBER 24, 1937

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IEUT-COL. McDONOUGH TOURING STATE

uring his tour of WPA offices of state for the purpose of consulting WPA and municipal officials on k relief problems, Lieut-Col. John McDonough, State Administrator, ed Fitchburg, Worcester, Lowell Salem this week.

uesday, Nov. 23, the Administrator ed the Fitchburg and Worcester es, and Wednesday, Nov. 24, vis- Lowell and Salem.

ast week Col. McDonough and part is executive staff visited Pittsfield, yoke, Greenfield, Springfield, Hyan- and Fall River. The top WPA offi- s of the state are scheduled to visit ckton, Friday, Nov. 26.

een interest is being shown by town city officials throughout the state ng the tour of Administrator Mc- ough, who is accompanied by Law- e J. Bresnahan, Director of Em- ment; E. E. Gillis, Director of ance, and C. B. Hall, Director of rations.

uring the tour many who have vis- numerous projects with the Ad- istrator have expressed surprise r the extent of WPA completed jects. Taxpayers in the various es and towns have learned of the ribution of Federal and local funds ivic betterment.

s an example of the Administrator's ts throughout the state, a particu- y enthusiastic reception awaited ut.-Col. McDonough when he was eted by Mayor William P. Yoerg of lyoke and a large turnout of city cials and businessmen.

More than 80 people visited 30 WPA jects covering 25 miles during the lyoke survey. During the past two rs a total of $3,042,659 has been ex- ded on 104 projects in Holyoke. Of s sum the Federal government paid 770,842 while the cost to Holyoke payers was only $271,816.

As the group assembled to inspect park and recreation center estab- ed atop Anniversary Hill, overlook- the city, Mayor Yoerg said, in part:

"I'm more than gratified with the esponse given this mission. I've wanted for a long time to acquaint members of the city government with he use to which the taxpayers' noney and Federal funds have been out. You can now see for yourselves hat not only has Holyoke benefited greatly from sponsoring these Fed- eral projects but the economic status of the many persons employed on the projects has been increased immeas- ureably. The drain on our welfare burdens has likewise been reflected n tax rates that would become pro- hibitive without this help from the Government."

Outstanding among projects visited in Holyoke were:

The War Memorial Building where meeting and social rooms are provided for 22 military organizations besides facilities for civic affairs.

The widened Elm street where traffic congestion has been relieved.

The day nursery and child nutrition center at the Elm street school. (This nutrition center is one of nine in Holyoke which serves hot lunches to nearly 1200 school children daily, excepting Sunday.)

Mitchell Field, the athletic center established in the thickly settled northern part of Holyoke.

Anniversary Park with its 98 acres of landscaping and recreational facilities, commanding a superb view of Holyoke.

The four-lane widening of Northampton street.

Improvements at the Whiting street reservoir, several schools improved by WPA and numerous other outstanding Holyoke WPA projects.

Upon concluding the tour, Administrator McDonough conferred with Mayor Yoerg, city officials and businessmen upon WPA problems in that area.

Said Administrator McDonough:

"Nowhere have I seen civic betterments that can compare to those of Holyoke. It is one of the best WPA cities I've seen. I know now what you're after when you come to Boston fighting for projects to keep men at work."

FOOTBALL CLASSIC AT NEW LYNN STADIUM

Speaking of good WPA cities, there is Lynn which is justly proud of the nearly completed WPA-built athletic stadium where the annual football classic between Lynn English High School and Lynn Classical High School was staged on Turkey Day.

Incidentally the eight steel towers which will bear powerful flood-lights are being put in place. They range from 70 to 110 feet in height.

The four steel poles from which the American flag will fly at the Lynn Stadium were salvaged from old trolley poles of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway. After finding that new steel poles would cost about $100 each, John Morrissey, Lynn superintendent of parks, got cooperation from trolley company officials and bought the four 35-foot poles for $8 each. Quite a bargain.

"Perfect team work," remarked Mayor J. Fred Manning of Lynn.

SPRINGFIELD WPA FIE

In this beautiful field house, being constructed by Park, Springfield, skaters, skiers and other winter sp and shelter this coming winter season.

WPA RECREATION DIVISION

A tense moment during a basketball game at Recreation Center, Fall River. Note the ball above

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE

Water, water everywhere but not a place to swim . . . a paradoxical predicament provoking to Ashland residents will be solved next season when the Ashland WPA Swimming Pool Project is completed.

Ashland is virtually surrounded by sources contributing to the Metropolitan Water System but health regulations prohibited bathing.

To remedy this condition WPA is finishing work on a modern pool which will measure 145 by 55 feet. Water will be supplied by pipe lines from nearby Mill Brook and filtration beds will purify the pool water before disposal into the Sudbury River.

The pool is constructed on a site formerly covered with a heavy growth of trees and undergrowth, involves excavation, stripping and pulling stumps, removing boulders and ledges, construction of an embankment and roadway, laying pipe lines, concrete wall construction and installation of stone-cement manholes; two filter pools; concrete dam and a rubble wall.

FIELD HOUSE
ucted by WPA at Porter Lake, Forest
nter sport enthusiasts will find warmth

ION BASKETBALL
at the Henry Lord Junior High WPA
about to enter the basket.

WPA 1937 SWIMMING SEASON RECORD

While we're on the subject of swimming, bathing and swimming pools we are tempted to boast a little. In 28 cities and towns in which WPA maintained swimming instructors and beach guards in Massachusetts, 14,375,684 persons used the pools and beaches under WPA supervision, without a single fatality.

Exactly 876 rescues were achieved by WPA life-guards. During the 1937 bathing season 151,535 attended water pageants, aquatic meets and exhibitions given under WPA supervision in which there were 14,154 participants.

And if you can bear with us for a few more statistics, there were 3661 beginners instructed in swimming who passed the American Red Cross standard tests, 35,765 swimmers qualified under Red Cross life saving standards; 301 passed senior life saving tests and 4046 became junior life-savers.

WPA instructors and life-guards were maintained at pools and beaches in Boston, Quincy, Brockton, Middleboro, Fall River, Needham, Holliston, Framingham, Worcester, Shrewsbury, Webster, Clinton, Leominster, Fitchburg, Ware, Holyoke, Chicopee, Northampton, Greenfield, Springfield, Medford, Arlington, Woburn, Lowell, Newburyport, Gloucester, Salem and Lynn.

TO RE-SURVEY WORCESTER

There will be fewer squabbles over property lines after a project in Worcester completes coordinating and correcting existing records, surveys streets which have never been properly surveyed.

The block survey continues work of a project which ran out of funds last summer. There still remains 55 per cent. of the topographical survey work, 3 per cent. of the calculation work and 90 per cent. of field work.

New bench marks will be established by WPA engineers who will use the bench mark set up in Lincoln square some time ago by the Geodetic Survey of the Federal Government as the master bench mark.

HISTORIC FIRE STATION RENOVATED

Down in the tradition-laden city of Newburyport a public building (now a fire station) has been completely modernized.

More than a century ago—in 1821 to be exact—Newburyport's men of the "wooden ships and iron men" days built a Market House. The Market House sheltered rovers of the seven seas who told many a strange tale of Jamaica rum, slave ships and pirates in the out-of-the-way corners of the world.

In 1883 the building was made into a combination fire house and police station with sleeping rooms for the firemen and policemen. There was also the town courtroom with a judge's lobby.

During the modernization of the building by WPA the first floor is mainly taken up as parking space for fire apparatus. On the second floor there is the fire chief's office and bedroom and sleeping quarters for a dozen firemen. Shower baths have been installed for the firemen. Also on the second floor the old courtroom is now the firemen's dormitory and recreation room.

WPA originally began renovating the old building in the summer of 1936 when John A. Doyle, Acting Fire Chief, sponsored a project to give the first floor a cement floor.

Supplementary projects have enlarged the heating plant, provided ample storage space for fire fighting equipment which include two pumping engines, a chemical engine and a hook-and-ladder truck. The entire brick front has been re-pointed. The city and Uncle Sam split the cost of preserving the historic old building (roughly $22,000) about fifty-fifty.

BROCKTON POLICE RECORDS MODERNIZED

WPA gets a puff from City Marshal William J. Murphy in appreciation of the modernization of Brockton police records by WPA workers. Says Head Cop Murphy:

"This WPA project has converted the Brockton Police Department's bureau of criminal records from the worst to the best possessed by any local department in the state. Police officials of many cities in this and other states agree with me."

Thanks, chief.

WPA DENTAL PROJECT

Cartoonists, comedians and comic strip artists have made the pulling of teeth and other dental troubles the subject of amusing incidents, jokes and hilarious skits for generations.

When your teeth are sound and your general health good it is easy to laugh at the picture of a hapless human being stood on his ear while an energetic doctor is yanking at a pain-stabbing molar.

It is no joke when your teeth are giving trouble and far less of a joke when you have no money to pay for dental treatments. Every city and every town has a number of people who are tortured by toothaches and must stand the pain as best they can unless free medical aid is given them.

Aware of this condition for the past three years the city of Fall River has sponsored a project to aid its needy people. In cooperation with the WPA a free dental clinic is operated in the Nurses Home, adjacent to the Fall River General Hospital. In the last nine months more than 2400 people have been treated. The patients are WPA relief workers and members of their families and persons recommended by the Public Welfare Department, the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Agency, the Old Age Assistance Agency, Mothers' Aid and Family Welfare agencies.

BLACKSTONE SPONSORS FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD

In the past the state has sponsored farm-to-market roads in Blackstone. Realizing the value of good roads for farmers, the town has taken up the sponsorship of another farm-to-market road about two and a half miles in length. Must be a sign of better times out in Blackstone.

PERSONALS

Arthur Leclair, World War veteran and WPA foreman in charge of the pistol range being constructed at Gardner Police Headquarters, having successfully passed civil service examinations, has been appointed as one of four custodians for the newly built U. S. Postoffice building at Gardner. Leclair, winner of the D. S. C. decoration for bravery, served in France with the Seventh U. S. Field Artillery of the First Division. . . . Presentation of awards to the winning athletic teams of the WPA-coached Neighborhood League of the West End was a recent feature at the West End House, Boston. Baseball awards were distributed by Danny MacFayden, Bee's pitcher. Park Department certificates were given by Ed Robinson, former football coach at Boston University, Brown University and the University of Nebraska. . . . Mrs. Norah M. Doherty, well-known telephone operator at the Fall River office, recently enjoyed a four days' leave of absence which was spent in New York City. . . . Mrs. Sally C. Enos has resigned her position as teacher of cooking in the WPA Adult Education Classes, Fall River, and has returned to private business, opening a tea room on Commonwealth avenue, Allston. . . . Training institutes for women are now being held in the Fall River area. Institutes will be held in Quincy and Brockton on Dec. 4; in Quincy and Fall River on Dec. 11; in Fall River and Brockton on Jan. 8, and in Quincy on Jan. 15. . . . FLASH! One of the girls in the Springfield office will soon be writing MRS. in front of her name. After proposing several times (they do say) He bet her his alma mater, Holy Cross, wouldn't lose a certain football game. They didn't. She was the prize. (Aw, bet she would have married him anyway, however the game came out.)

THANKSGIVING AND FARM-TO-MARKET ROADS

Over thousands of miles of farm-to-market roads during the past week have rolled many of the ingredients of Thanksgiving dinners eaten by Massachusetts' millions on this Thanksgiving Day.

Before the days of WPA, Bay State farmers, their trucks and horses toiled and moiled over roads which were either seas of mud or like a section of a war-torn road of France during world war days. That condition is rapidly disappearing for farmers close to urban markets and farmers in the most remote corners of the state. For this we are thankful.

Mayor Anthony J. Stonina, of Chicopee (seated directly in front of the American flag) and other city, state and federal notables took part in the dedication of the WPA-built Chicopee City Infirmary.

CHICOPEE WPA CITY INFIRMARY

Just pride in the new Chicopee WPA City Infirmary was reflected by city and state officials during dedication ceremonies sponsored jointly by the Chicopee Kiwanis Club and the Chicopee Board of Welfare, in the main dining room of the infirmary, Wednesday evening, November 17th.

The speakers' list included Mayor Anthony J. Stonina, Henry J. Tessier, Kiwanis President and architect who designed the building, Dr. Joseph Proctor of Malden and Thomas McElhone, City Almoner. Guest of honor for the evening was Mrs. Eva Butler, who served the city of Chicopee as matron of the old infirmary from 1900 to 1914.

The first infirmary in Chicopee was built on East street in 1850. Twenty-seven years later a second infirmary was erected on Front street and for the last 60 years this building has served Chicopee as a home for its indigent. In 1934 this building was condemned as a fire-trap by the state board of public safety and the city was given reasonable time to either repair the old structure or erect a new one which would conform to state safety regulations. Cost of repairs would amount to $45,000 and city officials, having secured federal assistance, drafted plans for a new and modern, fireproof structure. Construction started March 9, 1936, and was finished last month.

The new building contains 50 rooms, has a housing capacity for 150 inmates and cost $153,140. Of this amount the Federal government spent $103,704 and the city of Chicopee $49,572. The infirmary is of concrete, steel and brick, stands on high ground well back from the road and contains a hospital, ward rooms for men and women, glassed and heated sun porches, dining and living rooms, reception rooms, a laundry, kitchen, power plant, storage rooms, nurses' quarters, superintendent's apartment and offices.

WPA KEEPS LIBRARY OPEN SUNDAYS

Down in Fall River those who like to spend their leisure reading (and who doesn't, now and then?) seem to be appreciative of the fact that WPA is keeping the public library open Sundays.

Back in 1930 financial difficulties forced city officials to close the public library on Sundays. Last winter, from Nov. 1 to April 1, nearly 5,000 took advantage of spending frigid Sundays at the public library or at home after drawing books from the library. Miss Marion Wetherbee, librarian, says an even greater Sunday attendance is indicated for this winter. There have been work relief projects at the library since CWA days, renovating books, re-organizing files, etc.

CITY HALL GETS PROPER SETTING

A beautiful building in shoddy surroundings is like a beautiful woman in slatternly dress with unkempt hair. Extensive landscaping by WPA has beautified the surroundings of Medford's $500,000 city hall.

Green grass is growing where the old wooden Everett School (now razed) stood. Completed is a bituminous-topped parking space capable of accommodating 300 motors and Salem street which passes Medford City Hall has been widened 12 feet for a distance of 200 feet.

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UNEMPLOYED GET 15,000 JOBS

CONTINUE FLOOD CONTROL IN SPRINGFIELD AREA

Continuing flood control work since the disastrous flood of the spring of 1936, Army Engineers using WPA labor began Dec. 6 dike-building projects in Springfield and West Springfield which continue flood control projects already completed by WPA workers.

The new projects will build two huge dikes in Springfield and its sister community, West Springfield, at a cost to the government of $304,000. At its peak, next spring, the projects will employ about 500. At present there are about 125 employed on preliminary work.

The Springfield dike will extend from the North End bridge to the Boston & Albany Railroad bridge. There will be 3000 feet of earth embankment and 1000 feet of concrete seawall. It will cost $132,000. No concrete work will be done during freezing weather.

The West Springfield project will begin near the Eastern States Exposition grounds (inundated during the '36 flood) and extend in a southeast direction to the Agawam bridge embankment. It will include 6000 tons of rip-rap.

During the past, flood control projects under a similar setup (Army direction and WPA labor) rebuilt a dike from the Chicopee line to Springfield.

XMAS PAY FOR ALL PROJECT WORKERS

Every WPA project worker will receive a pay check Christmas week.

To make this possible the Finance Division has rearranged the pay schedule of workers during that period.

Those workers who under normal conditions would be paid on Saturday, Dec. 25, will receive their checks, Friday, Dec. 24, a day ahead of time. Also, every effort is being made to pay on Dec. 31 those persons normally paid on Jan. 1.

This is only possible because the Division of Finance cooperated in working overtime to get the pay checks out to the project workers ahead of the regular schedule.

The Bulletin speaks for project workers in thanking all employes in the Finance Division.

Fifteen thousand badly needed WPA jobs are being given to Massachusetts unemployed during this Christmas season as the local result of the nation-wide upping of WPA personnel and buying to prime the pump of the temporary business slump. The hiring of 15,000 additional WPA workers will bring the total WPA personnel throughout the commonwealth up to more than 78,000 before the end of this week.

When Washington flashed word late last week of the increase of WPA personnel, John J. McDonough, WPA Administrator for this state, immediately threw his administrative staff machinery at 600 Washington street, Boston, into high gear.

Aware that the speed of their efforts meant pay checks to thousands of unemployed before Christmas, hundreds of men and women of the administrative staff worked overtime, all day Saturday and Sunday and are still working extra hours all this week to insure the sending out of "402" forms (hiring slips) to men and women who need jobs badly.

All day Sunday Administrator McDonough was conferring with 17 mayors and selectmen concerning the speediest way to put the additional 15,000 to work. Late Sunday night Administrator McDonough rushed to Pittsfield where he conferred with city officials and municipal officers of surrounding towns.

On Tuesday he was in Springfield on the same mission for that area.

Today (Wednesday) he will be in Boston for the same purpose and his schedule places him in Worcester tomorrow (Thursday). During the remaining days of the week he will make flying trips to other parts of the state with one object in view—to place as many men and women at work in the shortest possible time.

Since he first got word of the welcome increase in WPA rolls, WPA Administrator McDonough has followed a policy of personally conferring with mayors and selectmen to aid them in their efforts to bring the payroll up to the new maximum (78,485 throughout the state) as soon as possible.

Early last week Harry L. Hopkins, national WPA Administrator, notified WPA purchasing agencies throughout the country to buy supplies for the next two or three months by the end of this month if possible. This was closely followed by the increase in WPA personnel.

The result of these WPA moves will be to make a happier Christmas for 15,000 unemployed persons in Massachusetts and 350,000 throughout the country.

MORE WORK IN BOSTON'S OLD COURTHOUSE, SCHOOLS

Continuing a program which has changed the interior of the old Pemberton square courthouse in Boston from a dingy old relic of the horse and buggy days into a beautiful building, 147 building tradesmen and laborers are resuming the work. The Federal government is paying $95,301 of the cost of this supplementary project while the City of Boston is contributing $19,584.

All loose and broken tile and marble will be replaced by marblesetters, old lavatories will be replaced with modern facilities, treads will be placed on stairways and the building will be generally made safe and sanitary. All surfaces will be thoroughly scoured before painters apply their brushes.

FRESH AND SALT WATER BATHING AT BOURNE CAMP

Bourne Camp, largest WPA project of its kind in the country, will have another facility for its national guardsmen next summer — fresh and salt water bathing.

A fresh water bathing site will be developed at Mashpee Pond, adjacent to the camp. The salt water site will be at Falmouth Heights. Wooden lockers will be built at both bathing sites.

Another development at the model national guard camp will be the bivouac area and a rifle range. The bivouac area, within the huge camp, will be about five miles from the quadrangle of headquarters buildings. It will provide actual war-time field conditions for the national guardsmen for war manoeuvres.

Military experts say Bourne Camp, which cost about $2,000,000, surpasses any other national guard training camp in the country.

RADIO IN FALL RIVER

Maj. Bowes and his amateurs had better look to their laurels. For they are getting real competition from amateurs recruited from WPA recreation groups of Fall River who broadcast from Station WSAR each Monday afternoon at 4.

More than 100 have appeared for tryouts on Friday nights at the Continuation School Center. The best appear on the Monday afternoon half-hour program. And they're GOOD. We're not the only one who says so. The station manager is delighted with the flood of letters of appreciation which follow each Monday broadcast. We bow to Joseph A. Collins, supervisor, and Miss Anne Lynch, dramatics instructor, of Fall River.

BEFORE AND AFTER WPA

BOSTON MEDICAL FILE

Important to public health not only in Boston but throughout New England is the union shelf list of all medical and bio-medical collections in the libraries of Greater Boston, now being prepared by a WPA project.

As Boston has both the best libraries and the best hospitals in the country, if not the world, it is not unlikely that physicians, surgeons and public health officials will travel many miles in order to take advantage of this important auxiliary in public health education.

The master shelf list will be maintained and kept up to date at the Boston Medical Library. In the past research workers have been obliged to visit dozens of sources in order to get the information which will be neatly catalogued in the master shelf list. The project is sponsored by the Massachusetts State Libraries and will employ 29.

FAIRHAVEN AND FIRES

Down in the lovely little town of Fairhaven, across the harbor from New Bedford, WPA has built a new subfire-station at the junction of Aiken and Washington streets, adding fire protection to the town and helping reduce fire insurance rates.

Fire protection is extremely important in Fairhaven. For some of its fine old mansions were built by whaling skippers and could not be replaced, once destroyed. The fire station project was begun last July, completed Oct. 25.

MORE ENTERPRISE

And in Ashburnham a long needed assembly room will be available for pupils of Emmeline Jewell Whitney School when a current project is completed. In order to create the assembly hall partitions are being removed and "accordion" style folding doors installed. Steal beams will support the weight formerly held up by the partitions.

(Above) Miller Field, as it looked early
practically completed. The grade had been
level of the terrain
(Below) The rough land as it looked befo
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WORK RELIEF SUCCESS IN WINTHROP

Winthrop, at the southernmost tip of the North Shore, directly across the harbor from Boston, has considerable natural beauty. Its naturally attractive setting has been enhanced by work relief projects in recent years.

The town where Gov. Winthrop and his son Dean lived three centuries ago had one unattractive feature. The town was built around an ugly marsh and a pond called Lewis Lake.

UILDING IN WINTHROP

in December when the athletic field was raised a half dozen feet above the marshy before work started.
ore William A. Miller Field was built rop. Miller Field in background.

Because of WPA and the Winthrop Golf Club the formerly ugly marsh is now a recreational beauty spot. The golf club reclaimed a spot in the centre of the marsh and created a nine-hole course.

At the north end of the former swamp, WPA raised the level a half dozen feet and built William A. Miller Athletic Field in honor of one of Winthrop's sons killed in action in France during the world war. Clay from Winthrop Highlands and sand from Point Shirley formed a firm basis for Miller Field in the days of CWA and ERA when Howard Shattuck, superintendent of the Winthrop water department, doubled in brass, so to speak, and directed work relief activities without pay in addition to his regular job as water department superintendent.

With a good foundation, WPA under Theodore Naedele, supervisor, and Harry Wright, coordinator, completed Miller Field. Winthrop downed its traditional rival, Revere, 6 to 0, on Thanksgiving Day on the new field.

Before work relief began building things in Winthrop, the high school athletic teams were forced to play at Ingleside Park which was partly a swamp. This is also being reclaimed by WPA.

At the southern end of the marsh that was in the center of Winthrop, WPA has created a skating area and rendezvous for aquatic sports out of the formerly ugly Lewis Lake. A dump on one side of the lake was removed. Jagged banks have been changed to gentle grassy slopes, topped by walks. The pond has been changed to two small ponds connected by points of land which will be joined by a rustic bridge. A perfect spot for model yacht races, swimming races, a stroll in the sunlight or under a starry, moonlit sky.

Work relief labor has built Simon J. Donovan Beach, dedicated to another Winthrop boy cut down by a German bullet a short time before the Armistice. The beach accommodates residents of the Court Park section of the town (on the Boston harbor side).

Another outstanding project in Winthrop is the sea wall being built from the Winthrop Yacht Club to the narrow, sea-girt road which leads to Point Shirley. Here pounding waves had undermined the old-fashioned stone wall. WPA has built a sloping sea wall which can better break the chop of the waves in front of Shirley street, protecting the street from erosion and the site of the first house built by Governor Winthrop. The Dean Winthrop House, built in 1639 and to which the governor's son, Dean Winthrop, took his bride, is still standing.

These are only a few of the many WPA projects in Winthrop which have given material benefits to the town in addition to providing unemployed men and women with work. Winthrop also has had its share of street, sewer and water main projects. Space does not permit mention of the many projects which have been completed and are in progress at Fort Banks. We shall discuss Fort Banks projects in a later article.

PEABODY PROGRESSES

In the middle 1800s a two-story wooden building on Stevens street, Peabody, served as a town hall and later as the city's first high school (after Peabody became a city). But population increased as the city's leather business prospered and the old building became inadequate for changing conditions. So it was abandoned and seemed to sadly view the passing parade of modern life.

Fidelity Post, 1011, Veterans of Foreign Wars, needed a clubhouse. City fathers donated the old town hall and high school for the purpose. A WPA project built a cement floor in the cellar, adding shower baths. Two former school rooms were made into a meeting hall. Behind the first-floor meeting hall a fully equipped kitchen was installed. The building was also generally renovated and modernized. Now the vets have as cozy a club as any in the state.

On the walls hang relics of the wars of 1775, 1812, 1846, 1898 and 1917 (can you name 'em all?) and a scroll bearing the names of the world war boys who did not return.

The project was originally sponsored under ERA by the then Mayor J. Lee Sullivan and has been supervised by James L. Hughes and Joseph P. Ryan, WPA engineers.

We like the old motto over the main entrance, i.e., "THE ORNAMENTS OF A HOUSE ARE THE GUESTS WHO FREQUENT IT."

W. SPRINGFIELD ATHLETIC FIELD NEARLY COMPLETED

Our editorial eye must be facing west this week. For we are reminded by our Bulletin reporter out there that the Memorial Athletic Field in the rear of King's Highway School is rapidly nearing completion. Last April the field was rather ugly, idle land. Now there is a quarter-mile cinder track, circling a seeded oval, portable bleachers, a memorial plot of war veterans with flagpole, a driveway from the highway to the field, a football field, a drainage system and a fence enclosing the athletic field.

Because of the frosty condition of the ground work has been suspended until spring when there will be only a little grading and other finishing touches to make the athletic field one of the best in the western part of the state. Schoolboy and veteran and civic athletic teams are impatient for the winter to pass so they can use the new recreational facilities. Be patient, boys, there's a lot of winter sport out that way.

PERSONALS

Just as a practical joke somebody sent the name of Mike Melaney, expert painter on the Springfield toy repair project, to a marriage agency. Mike was somewhat aghast at the flood of mail from yearning women all over the country. He enjoyed the joke as much as the wags who pulled it.

Shaking his head over his fan mail, Mike said, "Ho! Ho! Ho! Ha! Ha! Ha! What do I want with another wife? Cripes, I've had five already and there's no romance left in me. I'm free now—and I'm going to stay that way," he concludes solemnly.

Yet Mike pores over his stacks of mail during his lunch hour. Hmn!

Never saw a snappier line of girls in any college than stepped across the Lynn Stadium football field giving the between-halves show for Lynn English High School and Lynn Classical High School. Classical had four drum majors (count 'em)—Helen Meserve, in white with gold braid, chief drum major, and Altha Long, Lillian Myra and Shirley Gilman, assistant drum majors. Stepping high in the van of Lynn English girl marchers were Lois Acheson, Thelma Berstrom and Helen Linehan, drum majors. Music, marching and drilling of both high schools surpassed the mid-game shows we have seen put on by many colleges.

Bill O'Brien, supervisor of labor relations in Boston, spoke on "The Real Danger to Our National Life" at a good-will get-together meeting of the Brotherhood of Beth Hamidrash Hagodol in the vestry of the Crawford Street Synagogue recently.

Not unusual that a salty town like Falmouth ("Thar she blows!") excels in the building of ship models. Instructor Bartholomew Tyson was paid well recently for an original model he sold to a large boat building company.

Felix Seliga of the Nashua River Valley project is now Leominster correspondent for the Worcester Gazette. Usta-be-a-noospaperman, m'self, Felix.

Paul McElligoott, formerly of the Worcester finance department, is now with C. A. Cross Company of Fitchburg. Good luck, Mac.

We've been reading so much about the Sino-Japanese jam that we're afraid that on Dec. 25 we're going to be saying "Melly Chlistmas!"

Dialogue in Springfield. Enter two men with a strong accent.

First Man—Is this the planting board?

R. L. Cooke of WPA, thinking the man said "planning board"—Yes, what can I do for you?

First Man—We come for seeds.

Cooke—SEEDS?

First Man—Yup, seeds.

Cooke (looking around nervously)—But we haven't any seeds here.

First Man (determinedly)—Meester Blanka, he tella us come here. You give seeds.

Cooke (light dawns)—Oh! You mean the state department of agriculture office.

So the men were directed to the proper office.

We were visited by Rose Sullivan, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, Matt Foerber, organizer for Committee of Industrial Organization, and Edwin Johnson, organizer for the American Federation of Government Employes.

TRAINING INSTITUTE

Credit is due the Nursery School Teachers on the WPA Education Program for the fine two-day training Institute held at the Boston Continuation School on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4. Attendance was purely voluntary to all Nursery School Teachers and yet 350 out of approximately 400 in the state came at their own expense from all sections of the commonwealth. Conferences and discussion groups were headed by persons from colleges and schools, prominent in the field of Nursery School procedure.

Boston Schools, Too

Another Boston project for the renovation of old buildings will improve 65 Boston schools at a cost of nearly a quarter of a million dollars to the WPA as compared with $71,843 contributed by the city. This project is authorized to employ at its peak, 754 building tradesmen and laborers.

Among the numerous improvements will be washing, painting, ceiling repair, wiring, plastering, lathing, marble-setting, masonry, roofing, glazing, upholstering, cement finishing—in short all the work needed to modernize Boston school buildings including portable schools.

The Administrator and the Administrative Staff extend season greetings to all WPA Workers.

SPEAKING OF DOLLS—
Group of dolls (including one live one) from the Gloucester Toy Repair Project.

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